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U.S. may raise Palestine statehood issue

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17 — The Carter administration plans to raise the question of a possible Palestinian state during future peace talks with Israel and Egypt, the U.S. government has said. The administration has not yet decided how or when it will raise the issue, a possible Palestinian statehood, but the U.S. now plans to send a special representative to meet with or dialogue with the future of the Palestinian people may be discussed — including the upcoming meeting of President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin in El-Arish — the official "Arab News".

Meanwhile, informed sources said the CIA has compiled a list of occupied territories whom the United States would accept as negotiators in future talks on the status of the West Bank and Gaza. Observers here believe the Justice Department is preparing to give quiet approval to the participation of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians in the upcoming elections for a self-governing authority in these territories, provided the U.S. pledges work toward the eventual creation of a Palestinian state.

Exchange of M.E. treaty documents may be delayed

CAIRO, April 17 (Agencies) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil held out the possibility of a further delay in the exchange of ratified treaty documents that will set the Egyptian-Israeli peace process in motion.

The exchange of ratified texts of the peace treaty signed in Washington March 26 had originally been set for Tuesday but was delayed after President Anwar Sadat scheduled a nationwide referendum on the treaty for April 26.

OPEC reconsiders oil prices in June

KUWAIT, April 17 (AP) — Kuwait's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali al-Sabah, stated Tuesday members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will reconsider oil prices when they meet here in June.

OPEC oil ministers last met in an emergency session in Geneva a month when they agreed on a 10 per cent increase in the basic price of oil as well as to allow individual producers to add their own "charge" to the basic price.

Sheikh Ali denied press reports from the Philippine capital, Manila, claiming Kuwait would refrain from charging developing countries with its announced surcharge of \$1.80 U.S. per barrel.

The newly decided Kuwait price of \$15.80 per barrel — which includes the \$1.80 surcharge — will be applied universally, Sheikh Ali added.

He warned that OPEC members would take action against any international oil marketing companies that charge more than the price decided by individual OPEC members.



OPENING: Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz Tuesday cuts the ribbon at the opening of the Jeddah Water Tower. The 70-meter high tower can hold 18,000 cubic meters, or 4.15 million gallons of water up to a height of 60 meters under the hall. (SPA photo)

Taleghani warns of danger of new despotism in Iran

TEHRAN, April 17 (R) — Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, probably the second most influential man in Iran, said Tuesday the country was in danger of falling back into dictatorship and despotism.

His remark from a hiding place in the countryside was the strongest criticism so far of the revolutionary government headed unofficially by religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

It came as at least 50,000 people marched in various demonstrations in Tehran in support of Taleghani, urging him to return to his home and office in the capital.

The evening newspaper "Ettela'at" quoted him as saying he had left Tehran "in connection with the deprived masses of the nation, for the sake of guarding the freedom and independence of our beloved country. Lest our country once more falls back into the hands of dictatorship and despotism."

It said he made the remark in a telephone call to his sons in Tehran.

Ayatollah Taleghani, 72, left Tehran last weekend in protest against the "trampled rights of the Iranian people."

He stressed in his remarks Tuesday that his protest was a warning against dictatorship and not a personal protest against the overnight detention and mistreatment of two of his sons and a daughter-in-law by revolutionary guards last week.

The state radio, the Voice of the Islamic Republic, said that in addition to the demonstrations in Tehran, similar marches took place in other cities and towns.

In Tehran about 20,000 persons tried to march from Tehran University in support of Taleghani, but were blocked by militant youths.

The demonstration was backed by leftist Fedayeen groups and Mojahedeen guardsmen who were reliably reported to have formed an alliance to combat the growing influence of revolutionary committees.

The revolutionary committees

are loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini. They are considered the real ruling force in Iran and have been hampering Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan's provisional government with arbitrary decisions and arrests.

Militant youths accusing Taleghani's supporters of being "communists, socialists and not true Islamists" staged a sit-down in front of the procession bringing it to a halt. Minor scuffles broke out but the crowd kept calm and slowly began to disperse after over two hours of waiting to march.

Demonstrators demanded Taleghani's speedy return to Tehran and an investigation into Thursday's incident which has threatened to turn into violent street confrontations between opposing forces loyal to the religious leaders.

It was the third straight day of pro-Taleghani demonstrations. He is considered a liberal in comparison to Khomeini who believes Iranians should be governed by strict religious principles.

Meanwhile, the central organization which oversees the workings of the revolutionary committees, issued a statement Tuesday to counter mounting criticisms of the committees.

The central organization disclaimed any role in the abduction of the Taleghani family members and while admitting "there exists some shortcomings in their organization," it said some of the attacks on the committees were

(Continued on back page)

U.S. said preparing groundwork for military intervention in M.E.

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 17 — There is mounting evidence here that the Carter administration is laying the groundwork for a possible American military intervention in the Middle East, intelligence and other sources report.

The introduction of U.S. combat troops to strategically vital areas of the Arab world would be sparked by one or more regional conflicts, in a manner to the British and French intervention in Egypt during the 1956 Suez war, the sources said.

While details are still sketchy, some sources believe the U.S. government is secretly encouraging "contained crises" on two Middle Eastern fronts to provide an excuse for American intervention in the region aimed ostensibly at "stabilizing the area and protecting the oil resources."

The two areas of potential conflict are said to be Jordan and Libya.

What kind of armed action is anticipated is not clear. But intelligence sources say the administration is becoming increasingly upset over King Hussein's stand on the Egyptian-Israeli treaty and his improved ties with the PLO and neighboring Arab states. Some officials now regard the king — a former close ally of the U.S. — as an obstacle to an American-engineered Middle East peace settlement.

Israeli officials are reportedly encouraging this kind of thinking. Israel wants Jordan — rather than the West Bank — to be the "Palestinian homeland" in any over-all peace settlement.

Sources believe the U.S. is gradually inching closer to this position.

Meanwhile, trouble is also expected on another front, according to the sources. They report Egypt has moved mobile field hospitals to the Libyan border area.

The reported conflict — to be undertaken by Egypt with the full support of the United States — would be aimed at bringing down the government of Col. Muammar Qaddafi and replacing it with a moderate government that would seek eventual unity with Egypt, sources say.

U.S. officials, according to the sources, favor the removal of Qaddafi for both political and economic reasons. The Libyan leader's backing for radical Palestinian commando groups makes the search for a negotiated Mideast peace settlement all the more difficult, these officials reason. And the Libyan government's constant pressure for higher OPEC oil prices is not viewed with favor in Washington.

"We had a contingency plan for invading Libya that was developed after the Arab oil embargo," a U.S. intelligence source said. "It looks like that plan is being dusted off again, but this time the

Ban on oil shipments

Egypt expelled from O.A.P.E.C.

KUWAIT, April 17 (Agencies) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (O.A.P.E.C.) expelled Egypt from membership Tuesday and also announced a total embargo on oil shipments to Egypt.

The expulsion was announced by the current O.A.P.E.C. chairman, Libyan Heavy Industries Minister Omar Montasser, at the end of a two-day emergency O.A.P.E.C. meeting.

Egypt was not present at the meeting which was attended by oil ministers or their representatives from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Algeria.

The O.A.P.E.C. move conformed with a decision by the conference of Arab League foreign and finance ministers in Baghdad last month, to impose a total political and economic boycott against Egypt, in retaliation for the signing of a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty by President Anwar Sadat.

Montasser said the expulsion would also apply to Egyptian participation in three multimillion dollar oil related companies established by O.A.P.E.C. these are:

- The Arab Petroleum Investment Company, with a capital of \$2 billion.
- The Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company, with a capital of \$500 million.
- The Arab Petroleum Services Company, with a capital of \$320 million.

Montasser said Egypt's share in these three companies will be distributed among the nine remaining O.A.P.E.C. members.

Conference sources said the decision to expel Egypt was delayed by differences among the attending oil ministers over the extension of the ban to Egypt's membership of the three O.A.P.E.C. controlled companies.

The sources, who did not wish to be identified, said a Gulf minister advocated the continued Egyptian participation in these companies to avoid legal complications.

The conference also decided that the Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (ASRY) in Bahrain should not service any ship belonging to Egypt or carrying the Egyptian flag.

Egypt is not among shareholders of the O.A.P.E.C.-sponsored drydock.

They are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Libya.

The O.A.P.E.C. decision to impose an oil embargo on Egypt will mean that Egypt will have to seek oil supplies and oil products from outside the Arab world — its main supplier until the ban was imposed.

Egypt produces half a million barrels of oil per day and is a net exporter, but it still has to import certain types of oil and refined

products. Oil industry sources in Kuwait say Egypt imports a total \$159 million worth of oil products annually, and could replace any quantities it has been getting from Arab sources from other countries.

Syrian Oil Minister Issa Darweesh told reporters the oil ban on Egypt had in fact been decided at the March 27 Baghdad conference. Its sponsors argue the ban is meant to prevent Arab oil from finding its way to Israel after the normalization of trade relations with Egypt under the peace treaty.

Darweesh said the conference had also discussed the status of Egypt's Sumed pipeline, which can carry 1.6 million barrels of oil a day from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean.

The Sumed pipeline was one of several joint Arab ventures which oil producing countries would not doubt want to study in the light of the latest developments, he added. He did not elaborate.

Egypt owns 50 per cent interest in the \$480 million pipeline, the balance held by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Abu Dhabi.

Earlier in the week Egypt was expelled from three other Arab financial institutions: the \$400-million Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development, the \$738-million Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa and the \$360-million Arab Mining Company, in which Egypt holds an 8.33 per cent share.

These measures could cumulatively increase the economic hardships of Egypt, which has received \$11 billion worth of Arab loans and grants over the past 12 years.

For supporting Egypt Iraq calls for sanctions against Sudan government

BAGHDAD, April 17 (R) — Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper "AL-Thawra" Tuesday called on the Arab states to impose sanctions on Sudan similar to those adopted against Egypt.

President Jaafar Numeiri's regime was one of the few which publicly supported the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. A conference of Arab foreign ministers in Baghdad last month imposed political and economic sanctions against Egypt for signing the treaty.

The measures were opposed only by Sudan and Oman, who were absent from the conference.

"The Numeiri regime has expressed readiness to hurl itself into America's arms and turn itself into a tool implementing aggressive designs in the Horn of Africa, the Red Sea and all over Africa," the paper said.

As militias shell region

Lebanese army unit heads south

YARZEH, Lebanon April 17 (Agencies) — A battalion of Lebanon's regrouped army headed south Tuesday to join United Nations peacekeeping forces in regions near the border with Israel.

It was the second attempt in nine months to dispatch Lebanese regulars to the U.N.-policed southern region, after last July's abortive endeavor.

"We will serve under the U.N. flag and deploy in U.N.-held regions," a high-ranking officer told reporters. "We will be taking our orders directly from Gen. Emmanouel Erskine."

Lt. Gen Erskine of Ghana commands the seven-nation U.N. Interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) which entered the country to ensure Israel's withdrawal from the south last year, after two divisions of the Israeli army had invaded south Lebanon to flush out Palestinian commandos.

While the battalion moved south from the defense ministry compound at this mountain resort town, reports from the south said that right-wing army renegades and militia gunners of Maj. Saad Haddad were pounding UNIFIL positions.

"We expect some harassment when we enter the south," the same officer said. "And we will hit back if attacked."

Haddad occupies a 50-mile stretch in south Lebanon along

Israel's northern flank. He has rejected the restructured Lebanese army as pro-Syrian and UNIFIL as too feeble to stop Palestinian infiltrators.

Syria forms the bulk of a 30,000-man League peacekeeping army deploying in most of Lebanon except the trouble-stricken southern region.

Fifteen truckloads of Syrian soldiers escorted the battalion as it drove through Palestinian-inhabited quarters.

Some 400 soldiers moved from Yarzeh in 45 trucks, a few jeeps and four armored personnel carriers. They were to join a 100-man unit at the port city of Sidon, 25 miles south of Beirut, and together proceed southwards at daybreak Wednesday.

Citizens lined the winding mountain road and the seaside highway, erecting triumphal arches and spraying the soldiers with roses and rosewater.

Maj. Munir Mulli, commander of the battalion, told his soldiers on behalf of army commander Gen. Victor Khoury that "your mission under the U.N. flag will help restore confidence in the Lebanese soldier, the confidence that was shaken during the painful events."

Maj. Mulli was referring to the 19-months civil war that ended in November 1976 after wrecking the economy and the army.

The army has been rebuilt with U.S. and French help, and has reached the pre-civil war strength of 18,000. Officials said that a target of 40,000-50,000 men is being sought by the government of President Elias Sarkis.

The army addressed an appeal to the inhabitants of the southern region to "work hand in glove" with the battalion. The appeal conceded that last July's attempt to dispatch units of the army to the south ended in failure. It reassured citizens that time "Lebanon will relive and confidence in the army will be re-established."

Earlier in the day, four Israeli jetliners buzzed Palestinian refugee camps around Beirut, while Israeli gunners pounded Palestinian positions in south Lebanon.

Right-wing militiamen snipped at Premier Salim Hoss' office in Beirut, but Hoss left the sandbagged ground unhurt.

The Israeli rocket and artillery attack hit the southern regions a few hours after a Tel Aviv report that six Palestinian commandos and an Israeli soldier were killed and six Israelis wounded in an exchange of gunfire with Israeli security forces on the Lebanese border.

The outskirts of the port city of Tyre, which hold the Palestinian refugee camps of Rashidiyeh, Bourj el Shimali and El Bus, came under intense Israeli shelling. No casualty estimate was immediately available from the camp areas, where 27,000 U.N.-registered refugees are huddled.

It was the third straight day of shelling in the region. The government said that Maj. Haddad's Israeli-backed militias along the six-mile deep border stretch participated in the intermittent bombardment.

Haddad threatened to attack the army battalion and the UNIFIL forces that might cooperate with it.

Informed sources here said the U.S. State Department mediated a compromise whereby the Lebanese battalion would deploy in UNIFIL areas without crossing into Haddad's strongholds beyond.

Earlier in the day the "Jerusalem Post" newspaper reported that Israel had agreed not to oppose the move, but the militia shelling indicated that Haddad refused to change his stance.

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40 vehicles out of 1,000 crashed

Road accident rate fell last year, aide says

By a Staff Reporter

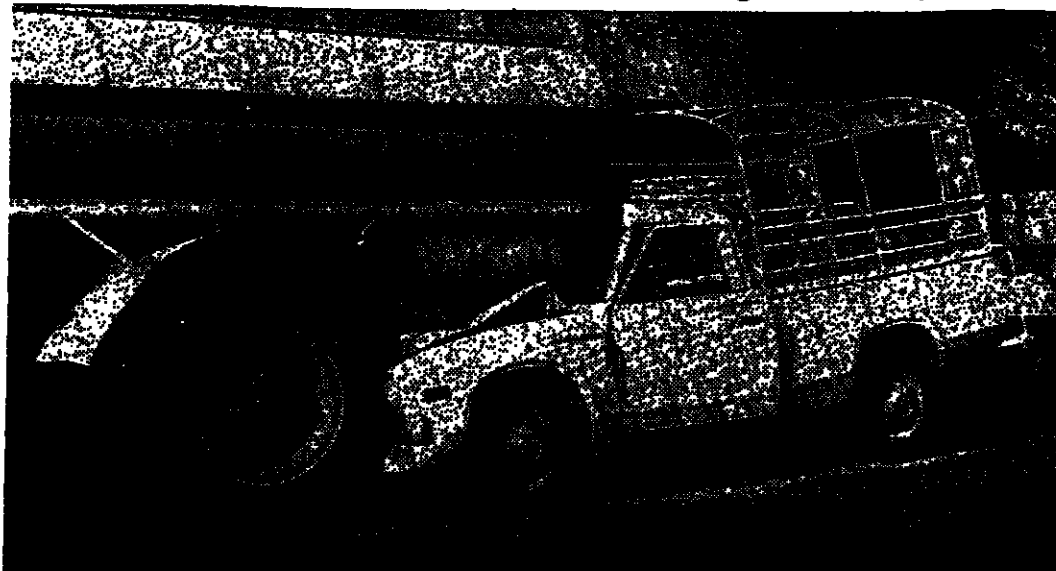
RIYADH, April 17 — Forty vehicles out of every thousand in Saudi Arabia were involved in accidents last year, and two out of every five people in accidents were killed.

General Traffic Director Col. Muhammad Reda Al-Harbi announced to SPA Tuesday that those figures represented a fall in the accident and death rate from the 1972 figures, and in the same six years the rate of injury dropped from 36 people in the 1,000 cars to 10.

He said that 54 per cent of accidents were caused by drivers speeding, 8.7 per cent by their jumping lights or disregarding traffic signs and the rest involved such offenses as children under 18 driving their parent's cars.

Most accidents happened on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 62 per cent of accidents occurred in the daytime and 38 per cent at night. City drivers accounted for 69.8 per cent of accidents, and country drivers for 30.2.

Pedestrians were hit 17.5 per cent of cases, 57.4 were collisions between two vehicles and 16.4 per cent involved the vehicle's over-



JEDDAH CRASH: This pick-up drove into the back of the parked tanker recently. Its three passengers were admitted to hospital in critical condition. Tuesday it was announced that 40 vehicles out of every 1,000 in the Kingdom were involved in accidents last year.

Col. Harbi expressed the hope that despite the growing number of vehicles on the roads the accident rate might drop still further. His department was trying to improve its efficiency by sending staff to train abroad and by

organizing traffic campaigns educate the public and crack down on illegal and dangerous drivers. Col. Harbi said that 1,432,909 vehicles were registered up to and during 1978, compared with the 144,768 registered by 1971. The

number of trucks increased 11 times in those seven years, the number of private cars nine times and buses five times.

Maj. Assad Abdul Karim, traffic director for Jeddah, told "Arab News" recently that during 1978 his city's complement of patrol cars increased from 10 to 40, and that there will be 70 by the end of this year. During 1978 five new offices for the Traffic Department were set up across town.

Maj. Abdul Karim said that a special prison for traffic violators was being built in Jeddah, where offenders could serve the five days they can be sentenced to for driving misdemeanors. There is also a maximum SR300 fine that can be imposed by the police.

At the end of December "Al-Medina" reported that some 10,000 people had been imprisoned in Jeddah during 1978 for motoring offenses, 5,000 fewer than during 1977.

Some idea of the size of the task the Traffic Department faces can be given by the 19,000 kilometers of road in the Kingdom, the largest road network in the Arab World and a huge increase on the 7,600 kilometers of ten years ago.



MEETING: Prince Fawaz, governor of Mecca, meets the visiting Sudanese director of ports in Jeddah earlier this week.

Legal ruling passed

Muslims may use purified water

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, April 17 — Treated sewage water may be used for ablution before prayer by Muslims if it is absolutely clean and presents no danger to health, according to a legal ruling reported by "Al-Medina" Tuesday.

The Supreme Committee of Ulama, meeting in Taif under the chairmanship of Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, head of the Muslim World League, issued the decision as a fatwa, a ruling based on Islamic law and custom.

The ruling was passed after the committee had considered an enquiry from the editor of the "Muslim News" in Cape Town, saying that many Muslims were worried that some of the water available to their districts was treated and purified sewage.

The committee judged that sullied water can nowadays be thoroughly cleaned, and it took evidence from experts that the treated water is not only safe for human consumption but is also free of any impurity. It was decided that the water returned to its natural form after going

through the process of purification.

Muslims are commanded to pray five times a day, and to wash beforehand.

The committee is made up of Abdullah Khayyat, Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Hamid, Suleiman

ibn Obaid, Abdul Aziz ibn Saleh, Abdul Razzak Afifi, Rasheed ibn Hussein, Muhammad bin Jubair, Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sheikh, Abdullah ibn Ghadien, Saleh ibn Assoum, Abdul Majid Hassan, Abdullah ibn Qaoud, Abdullah ibn Mani and Saleh ibn Lahidan.

New Greek ambassador arrives

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, April 17 — The new Greek ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Pantelis Manglidis, arrived here Tuesday to replace Constantinos Vassil, who has returned to Athens to serve in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Manglidis was consul-general in Dusseldorf before coming to the Kingdom, his first ambassadorial posting.

He was met at the airport by Sheikh Salem Suabul, head of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Manglidis was born in 1929. He graduated in law from Salonika



Pantelis Manglidis

University and joined the foreign service in 1958 as an attaché, serving in Sofia, Liege, Rotterdam, The Hague and Copenhagen.

He speaks French, English and German, and is married.

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Public transport firm

Bus company bids opened

By a Staff Reporter

RIYADH, April 17 — Meeting under Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, the board of the new Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company opened bids for the running, operating and maintenance of its projected fleet of buses.

The foreign firms chosen will be obliged to train Saudis eventually to take over their jobs entirely.

Sheikh Hussein told the Saudi Press Agency afterwards that the board had also discussed progress so far, including organizing the delivery of the buses, planning workshops and warehouses and building bus stations in Riyadh and elsewhere.

A subcommittee was also formed to follow up subscriptions

to the new company's share issue. Sheikh Hussein said last month that the government would take 35 per cent of the SR1 billion equity, private businessmen another 35 and the public the rest.

After three months of the firm's operations, the government would sell its stake to the public.

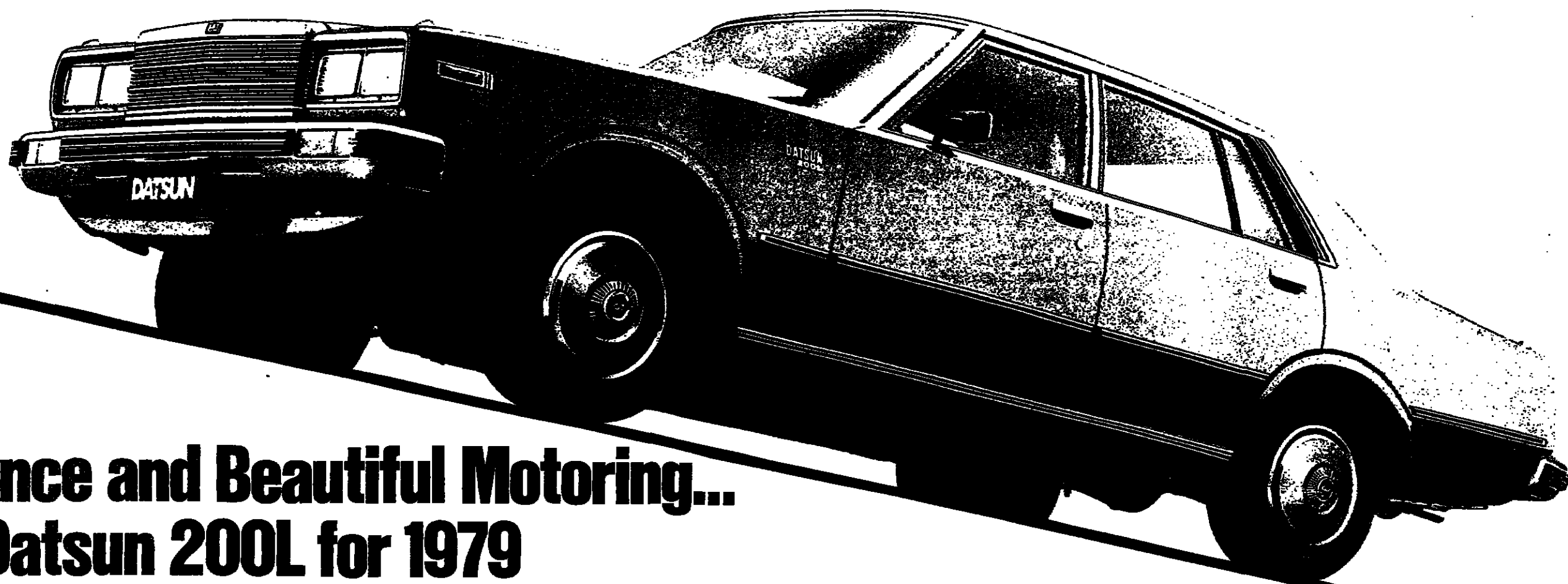
The first diesel buses for the company's fleet are due to begin operating in three month's time. It is planned that many cities will be covered by the firms, but services will initially be restricted to Riyadh.

"Okaz" reported last month that the directors of SAFTCO would be Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel, Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, Deputy Commerce Minister Yusuf Al-Hamdan, Assistant Deputy



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

Communications Minister Dr. Medani Abdul Qader Olaqi. Sheikh Omran Al-Omran, director-general of the Riyadh Water Authority, and Sheikh Ali Al-Tamimi.



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Turkey government crisis averted as discord ends

ANKARA, April 17 (AP) — A possible government crisis was averted in Turkey today following an all-night session in which points of discord were discussed. In a statement to the press after a 17-hour meeting, Premier Bülent Ecevit declared that "the problem has been solved. The government stands strong."

Ecevit said the government considered it a primary duty "to avert ineffective domestic and foreign provocations and separatist movements encouraged by the new developments in the region."

This was clearly a reference to the Kurdish agitation in eastern Turkey, following similar developments in neighboring Iran and Iraq.

Six independent ministers of Ecevit's government Saturday publicly disclosed their concern over this sensitive issue.

The ministers also complained of inadequate consultation in economic policy making, continuing political terrorism in Turkey

and partisan appointments to bureaucratic posts.

In a stern warning, the independents disclaimed any responsibility in the future for "government disharmony" unless their proposals received consideration. They stopped short of a threat to quit.

Still, most political observers viewed their move as a possible threat to the survival of Ecevit's 16-month-old government.

Ecevit's statement Tuesday indicated that a reconciliation within the cabinet was forged, and that he and other members had conceded that issues raised by the six independent ministers were important.

Ecevit said the entire cabinet was in agreement "to take the most effective measures against persons or institutions, which knowingly or not, serve divisive and exploitative movements directed against the unity of the nation and Turkey's territorial integrity."

He said "All the power and means of the state" would be mobilized against political terrorism.

Hassan invited to Cuba summit

RABAT, April 17 (R) — Cuba Tuesday invited King Hassan of Morocco to the nonaligned summit in Havana in September, officials said. The invitation was delivered by Cuba's Minister of Chemical Industries, Antonio Esquivel Yebra, who arrived Monday at the head of a delegation.

Tito given Chadli message

BELGRADE, April 17 (AP) — Visiting Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Sadek Benyahia had cordial talks with President Tito of Yugoslavia here Tuesday, the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug reported. The minister handed a personal message from President Chadli of Algeria to the Yugoslav leader, the report said, but gave no details.

Greek tanker sinks off Oman coast

MUSCAT, April 17 (R) — A small Greek tanker sank off the coast of Oman Tuesday after an explosion on board, officials said. Sixteen persons, including the ship's captain, were rescued by the Oman navy and landed at Muscat.

Israeli helped arrest U.N. soldier

HAIFA, Israel, April 17 (R) — An Israeli security agent disguised as a Palestinian commando played a key role in the arrest two months ago of a United Nations warrant officer on trial for attempting to smuggle explosives into the country. Papa Koli Saar, a Senegalese soldier serving with U.N. troops in South Lebanon, was arrested on Feb. 18 in Acre and reports at the time said he was caught trying to hand over to a Palestinian commando a spare tyre of his jeep packed with sabotage material.



TURKEY: Turkish troops advance on rioters during widespread disturbances last December which prompted the government to impose martial law in 13 out of 67 provinces. Tuesday, after an all-night cabinet session, Premier Bülent Ecevit promised to mobilize the power and means of the state against political terrorism.

Ben Bella may be freed soon

Chadli releases 11 'plotters'

ALGIERS, April 17 (AP) — President Benjedid Chadli has ordered the release from prison of 11 men sentenced to long prison terms for plotting against his predecessor, the late Houari Boumedienne; the official Algerian news agency announced Tuesday.

Those amnestied included Maj. Omar Mellah, serving a life sentence for masterminding a plot to ambush and kill Boumedienne as he emerged from a cabinet meeting in 1968. Mellah briefly escaped from prison in Berrouaghia, while Boumedienne lay critically ill in October. A massive police hunt for the escaped prisoner, unexplained at time, gave rise to widespread rumors of a coup attempt against Boumedienne.

Seven of Mellah's fellow conspirators were also freed, together with three men who helped former chief of staff Col. Tahar Zbiri organize an abortive military uprising in 1967. Zbiri, who escaped from prison and fled to Morocco while serving a life term in 1969, was not amnestied.

It was the third time within a month that Chadli has announced an amnesty of men serving long

prison terms for political offenses. Last week, he ordered the release of Ferhat Abbas and Youcef Ben Khedda, veteran leaders of the independence war against French colonial rule.

They had been under house arrest for three years, without being charged or tried, because they published a manifesto calling for a return to democratic freedoms after more than a decade of

Boumedienne's rule.

Informed sources said Chadli's program of gradual liberalization includes the release of 63-year-old former President Ahmad Ben Bella, held without trial since Boumedienne seized power in an army coup in 1965. The sources said Ben Bella may be freed soon, but probably would not be allowed to resume political activities.

Syria celebrates independence day

DAMASCUS, April 17 (R) — Syria Tuesday celebrated the 33rd anniversary of the evacuation of French forces from its territory in 1946.

Government and official businesses went on holiday and rallies were held in Damascus and other cities, while senior officials laid wreaths of flowers on the tombs of martyrs.

President Hafez Assad received scores of cables from other heads of state congratulating him on the occasion and Syrian newspapers issued special numbers praising the people's struggle for independence.

The government newspaper "Tishrin" said the anniversary "strengthens our determination to stand up against the American-Zionist-Sadat plot and foil the treasonous peace treaty."

"Al-Baath," organ of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party said: "Our people will turn their celebration of the anniversary into a national demonstration against the traitor (Egypt's President Anwar Sadat)..."

'Imperialists' trying to foil Yemen unity, Aden leader declares

BAGHDAD, April 17 (Agencies) — The president of South Yemen accused unnamed "imperialist and reactionary circles" Monday of striving to prevent the reconciliation and union of North and South Yemen into a single state, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

But "the achievement" of the reunification of Yemen is a sacred objective," President Abdul Fatah Ismail added in a press statement, INA reported from the South Yemeni capital, Aden.

Ismail and the President of North Yemen, Ali Abdullah Saleh, met in Kuwait last month and agreed that unification was the only way to solve the problems between their two states.

Their meeting followed the outbreak of border fighting between the two states.

In a separate report from the North Yemeni capital of SANA'A, INA quoted the North Yemeni newspaper "Al Rai Al Aam" as "revealing the existence of camps in the North of the country led by royalist and reactionary commands, working for the overthrow of the Yemeni leadership."

The paper said these groups were being financed by unnamed "foreign quarters," with the objective of foiling the projected union of North and South Yemen.

In a separate development, South Yemeni Prime Minister Ali Nasser Muhammad arrived in Prague Tuesday from Bulgaria on an official visit to Czechoslovakia and was welcomed by Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal.

The official Cetecka news agency said he was accompanied by a

delegation which included Foreign Minister Muhammad Saleh Mutea, and Information Minister Rashid Muhammad Thabet.

During Muhammad's stay in Bulgaria, Bulgaria and South Yemen jointly denounced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as being against the interests of the Arab people.

Sudan continues crackdown on arms dealers

KHARTOUM, April 17 (R) — Sudanese security forces have captured 60 light weapons and a supply of ammunition and arrested several arms dealers in eastern Sudan, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) has reported.

The arrests were part of an intensifying campaign against a recently uncovered subversive arms trade.

Ten days ago a number of citizens were arrested in connection with smuggling arms into the country with the apparent aim of toppling the government. SUNA said then that both arms dealers and those they supplied had been caught, but it gave no other details.

Three committees have been set up to specify charges and evidence against the military personnel and civilians arrested at that time, SUNA said Monday.

The armed forces also released a statement Monday saying some people were being held for bringing arms into the country with the intent of carrying out "an ethnic plot" against the regime.

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Kremlin blamed for end of Sino-Soviet treaty

TOKYO, April 17 (AP) — China said Tuesday the Soviet Union should take full responsibility for the Chinese decision to terminate a treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance between the two countries.

In its first public comment since ending the pact, the Peking government said its decision was made because of "great changes" in the international situation, including Peking's normalization of relations with Japan.

The Chinese-Soviet treaty signed in Moscow Feb. 14, 1950, shortly after the People's Republic of China was established, has "as its chief aim the joint prevention of the resurgence of Japanese imperialism," the Chinese government said. The treaty expires April 11, 1980.

The comment was made by the "People's Daily" commentator, which usually means a high-ranking official.

The commentator, in an article

distributed by the official Chinese news agency Xinhua (Hsinhua) and monitored here, said the treaty "...has long ceased to exist except in name owing to violations of the treaty for which the Chinese side is not responsible."

The article was Peking's counter to "unwarranted" Soviet attacks on the Chinese decision made April 3 by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

The Soviet Union had called cancellation of the treaty a "hostile action" and said "all responsibility for the termination of the treaty... rests with the Chinese side."

The Chinese article said China "normalized its relations with Japan in September 1972 and signed a treaty of peace and friendship with it in August 1978... As early as 1956, the Soviet Union and Japan issued a joint declaration ending the state

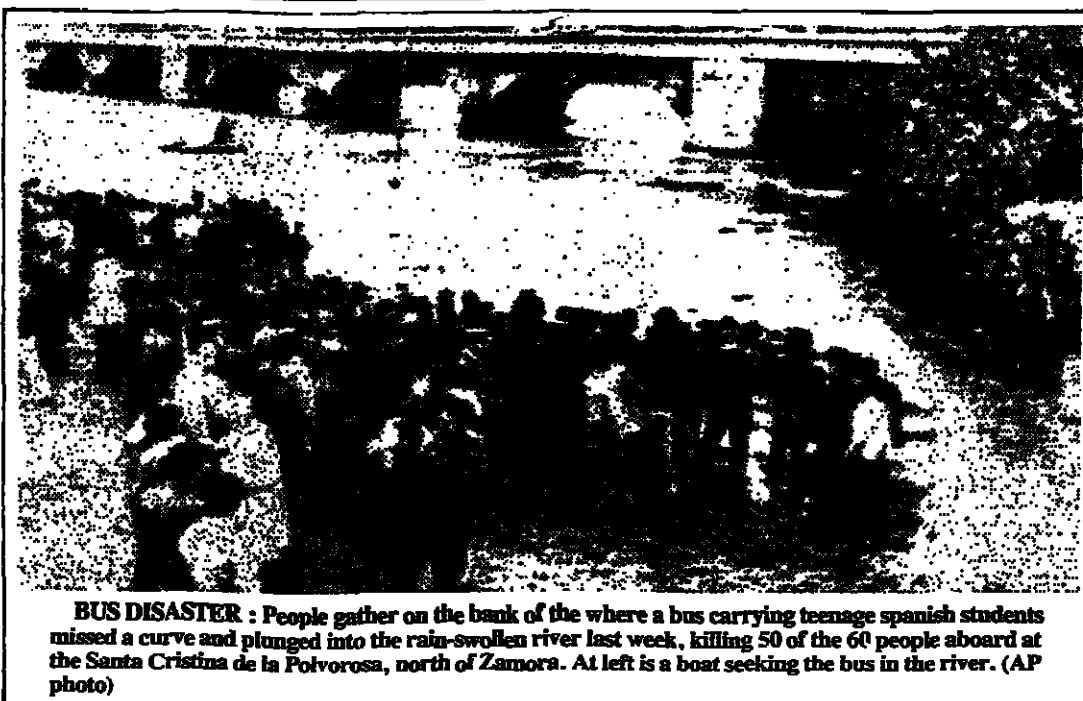
of war between them and entering into diplomatic relations with each other.

Among Soviet anti-Chinese actions cited were:

— In 1960, when China was hit by natural calamities, "the Soviet government took the surprise action of unilaterally withdrawing all Soviet experts in China and scrapping agreements and contracts by the hundreds, thereby doing great harm to the cause of China's economic construction."

— The Soviet Union "engineered riots in China's border province, committed incursions time and again in Chinese territory and provoked armed conflicts. It has kept up its subversive activities against China, built up its armed forces along the Sino-Soviet border, concluded a military pact with Mongolia which is directed against China and stationed its troops in that country and threatens China with armed force."

— "Over the years, Moscow has been inciting and supporting Vietnam to oppose China and expel Chinese residents in that country, make claims to Chinese territory and provoke armed border conflicts."



BUS DISASTER: People gather on the bank of the where a bus carrying teenage Spanish students missed a curve and plunged into the rain-swollen river last week, killing 50 of the 60 people aboard at the Santa Cristina de la Polvorosa, north of Zamora. At left is a boat seeking the bus in the river. (AP photo)

Tolbert sees plot

Liberian riots leave 29 dead

MONROVIA, April 17 (R) — Liberian President William Tolbert said Monday that rioting which left 29 dead was part of an attempt to overthrow the government.

Summoning newsmen to a cabinet meeting Monday to assure them that everything was now under control, the president gave

the first casualty figures for the demonstrations, rioting and looting Saturday as 409, including 29 killed, one a policeman.

The demonstrations were designed by "wicked and evil men to bring chaos and disorder in the country with the eventual objective of overthrowing the government. I have information to

back it," Tolbert said.

He added that there was evidence that foreign elements were behind these instigators.

The trouble began when large groups marched on the State House Saturday to protest against a minister's suggestion that rice prices be raised. Tanks were called out and police fired on the demonstrators, who threw stones.

During the night virtually every major store in the capital was looted and ransacked. Monday business remained at a standstill, with only a few government offices open, as the cleanup continued.

Tolbert Monday accused leaders of the Progressive Alliance of Liberia of trying to stir people against the government. He said the leaders were all in hiding.

He said the government was handling the situation, and would take firm measures to make sure that such things never happened again. He said reports that soldiers had joined in the looting were also being investigated.



Henry Kissinger

For political charges

10 people executed in Mozambique

LISBON, April 17 (AP) — Ten people have been executed by firing squad in Mozambique in a new crackdown against violent opponents of the country's Marxist rulers, the Portuguese national news agency ANOP has reported from Maputo.

The ten, who included four black Rhodesians, were shot Monday after being found guilty at the weekend of "crimes against the security of the people and the popular state," ANOP said. The crimes included high treason, mercenary hire, spying, economic sabotage and the massacre of innocent people.

The batch of executions was the second to take place under tough measures brought in last month to deal with what the ruling Frelimo

Party has called a new spate of sabotage. Ten people were killed by firing squad March 31 after being condemned for similar crimes.

The earlier killing included that of a Portuguese national and coincided with the visit of a top-level delegation from Portugal to discuss the compensation needs arising from the two countries' former colonial links. The incident provoked a storm of protest in Portugal and the talks were broken off.

The Frelimo government has said attacks, including a \$3 million blaze at a central fuel depot last month, are being carried out by Mozambicans.

St. Vincent volcano still shows signs of small-scale activity

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados April 17 (AP) — Soufriere Volcano on nearby St. Vincent Island continued to bubble and belch Monday as volcanologists tried to determine whether a major eruption was imminent.

Telephone links to the Caribbean island were tied up as the government, assisted by U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, sought to remove stragglers from the threatened north coast.

The volcano began spouting columns of ash and fumes Friday, and Prime Minister Milton Cato ordered an immediate evacuation of some 17,000 inhabitants of the endangered zone. Nearly 15,000 have been received at 45 emergency relief centers spotted around the capital of Kingstown, authorities said.

Soufriere, a 1,300-meter peak

Helicopters rescue crew of Polish ship

COPENHAGEN, April 17 (AP) — Helicopters and fishing boats rescued 44 persons, including women and children, from the 14,222-ton Polish freighter Reimund as it burned in the Baltic Sea off the Danish island of Bornholm Monday night. The maritime rescue center reported.

A spokesman said two persons were missing and feared dead aboard the stricken vessel ablaze from stern to bridge. Several of the survivors were badly burned.

Authorities said two helicopters, one Danish and one Swedish, lifted off most of the survivors who had sought shelter on the deck close to the bow of the burning ship.

It was riding at anchor in strong winds and heavy seas eight kilometers off the island.

that towers over the northern end of the self-governing British associated state, showed less activity Sunday. Monday, specialists prepared to set up monitoring equipment on its slopes.

Ward Morrow, deputy U.S. consular officer in Barbados, where the U.S. aid effort is being coordinated, said three Coast Guard helicopters continued to search for persons in the 16-kilometers danger zone around Soufriere's base. Three Coast Guard cutters also were standing by.

Morrow had no figure on the number of refugees removed Monday.

He said, "at least one local government official, two U.S. representatives and two volcanologists" left Kingstown to study the situation Monday.

Several of the rescued were women and children, crewmen's families. All the survivors were put ashore on Bornholm where doctors and nurses set up an emergency hospital in a small fishing harbor.

The weather was too rough for vessels to go alongside the burning freighter, but frogmen from a Danish navy patrol boat anchored rafts to the bow of the ship and several Polish crewmen were reported to have jumped to safety.

One Danish vessel brought seven survivors ashore. Some had burns, most were in shock and suffering from exposure, apparently after clinging to the rafts in the icy waters.

The rescue center reported that the Polish freighter sent no distress signals, but the alarm was raised when the fire was spotted from shore.

The rescue center said there was no information on what caused the fire or where it started, but said the flames spread quickly, engulfing the radio room, bridge and cabins a midships and aft.

The center spokesman said the captain of the Polish ship was the last man taken off the freighter by the helicopters. He was not identified.

There was no accurate count yet of how many persons were aboard the vessel when it caught fire.

In \$ 1.8m theft case

Four charged with murder in U.S.

WATERBURY, Conn. April 17 (AP) — Two men and two women were charged Tuesday in connection with the \$ 1.8 million robbery of a security company in which three security guards were

slain. Police said they believed they recovered all of the stolen cash and valuables.

Lawrence Pelletier Jr. was charged with felony murder, police said. Arrested later and

charged with capital murder were Evelyn Vega, 26, of Waterbury, and Donald Couture, 26, and his wife, Donna Couture, 23, both of Wallingford, police said. All were arrested at their homes.

Two automatic weapons, one of which was described by a detective as an M1 rifle, and two handguns were found in the cellar of the Couture home, police said.

Authorities would not say if further arrests were expected. The \$ 1.8 million in cash, food stamps, jewelry and checks was stolen during a shootout that killed the three guards about 4 a.m. Monday at Puritator Security Company's branch office in Waterbury. It apparently was the largest theft in Connecticut history and also one of the nation's largest.

Authorities said the crime had been carefully planned. "The perpetrators were waiting in ambush for the people inside the (armored) car," Chief Inspector John Griffin of the Waterbury police department said Monday at a news conference.

Griffin said two guards had driven the armored car, carrying money destined for New York banks, and entered the one-story office's garage.

After the third guard helped open the vehicle's back door for unloading, the robbers broke a window in the overhead garage door at the rear of the building and began firing, killing the guards, he said.

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Devastated Yugoslavia suffers 10th major tremor in 72 hours

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, April 17 (Agencies) — A strong new tremor, rumbling through Yugoslavia's devastated Adriatic coastal region Tuesday, causing further damage in resort towns and mountain villages.

The tremor measured 6.5 on the 12-point Mercalli scale, compared to the nine degree earthquake which killed more than 200 people on Sunday.

It was the tenth strong tremor since the first major earthquake which had the force of a 10 megaton hydrogen bomb.

There were no immediate reports of further casualties in Tuesday's tremor, which sent

masonry tumbling down from buildings already damaged beyond repair in the earlier disaster.

About 80,000 victims of Yugoslavia's worst earthquake of all time huddled in the open for a second night Tuesday.

Only the lucky ones were in tents or makeshift shelters. Most had only blankets to shield them from the chilly night air. The forecast was bleak. Rain and colder weather are expected.

Many of the injured are said to be dying in hospitals and a further 35 people were reported killed and 330 injured in neighboring Albania.

The death toll in Yugoslavia was expected to rise further when rescuers using army helicopters reach devastated remote mountain villages.

Scores of villages were razed to the ground and Yugoslav Vice-President Fadil Hodza, who flew over the stricken area in a helicopter, described the scene as "absolutely horrible."

Local authorities issued an urgent appeal for 20,000 tents. Despite a massive relief operation, only several hundred had arrived so far because many roads were destroyed.

Even people whose homes survived relatively intact decided not to sleep indoors.

In places the earthquake changed the geography of the coast, sending slices of coastline tumbling into the sea.

Many historical monuments have been lost forever.

Offers of foreign aid were pouring in. It was announced in Belgrade Monday night that Norway had granted \$1 million.

Two West German Red Cross aircraft Monday flew into Dubrovnik Airport, on the northwestern fringe of the disaster area. They brought tons of supplies.

Another plane was dispatched by the Paris Red Cross.

Finding drinking water was a problem with most of the wells filled in, and hundreds of rotting animal carcasses brought the danger of epidemics.

One earthquake victim in Budva said he was backstroking across the swimming pool when bits of his hotel began showering around him.

As glass shattered, Ferdinand Klose, his wife, friends and other guests in the hotel in the southern coastal town ran for the open.

"We saw four hotels just built for this season collapse. It is amazing no one was killed inside," Klose of Hamm, West Germany said.

Long lines of cars and truck with trailers waited Monday for the single ferry linking Bijela and points north to Dubrovnik with the stricken area.



HAPPY FAMILY: Jane Byrne's husband, Jay McMullen and her daughter Kathy smile on election night in Chicago, April 4. Mayor Byrne (center) took office Monday.

Press, currency restrictions

Two Germanys face chill in relations

BONN, April 17 (AP) — East Germany's attempt to control its citizens' use of Western currency has led to another chill in relations between the two Germanys — and an apparent breaking of promises of press freedom made at Helsinki.

The focus of the latest row between East Berlin and Bonn is a decision by the Communist government to bar its citizens from

using Western currency in so-called Intershops, where East Germans can buy high quality goods for sale in convertible cash.

Reporting of the new restrictions, which took effect Monday, apparently so aggravated East German authorities that they clamped tough, new controls on the activities of Western reporters based in the eastern sector of Berlin.

The restrictions appeared to be an attempt at a compromise by the East German government.

Its citizens can obtain higher quality items and improve their living standard by using western currency in selected stores but this has created in effect two social classes in a classless society: one with access to western currency and one without.

'Giant killer'

Jane Byrne enters Chicago's city hall

CHICAGO, April 17 (R) — Jane Byrne took office Monday night as the first woman mayor of Chicago and promised a renaissance for the second largest American city.

Mrs Byrne, a political protégée of legendary Mayor Richard Daley, dedicated herself to revitalizing the city and renewing the confidence of its three million people.

She set the tone for her four-year administration when she declared in an address at her formal inauguration, "Be assured I did not become mayor of Chicago to preside over its decline."

sors including Daley, who was mayor for 22 years until his death at the end of 1976.

She was dubbed "Jane the giant killer" after her surprising victory over the party's chosen candidate, outgoing Mayor Michael Bilandic, in the Democratic primary in February.

Mrs Byrne said the election showed the people wanted a change of direction and new faces in city government. In a gesture to symbolize her plan for bringing open government to Chicago, she declared open house in the mayor's office after the inauguration ceremony.

Coalition

At the same time Mrs Byrne made clear she does not plan to dismantle what her mentor Daley had built. She said Mayor Daley had forged a coalition of business and labor that made the city work and she would carry on this tradition.

With her inauguration, Chicago becomes the biggest American city with a woman mayor. Four other major cities with a population of more than half a million have woman mayors — San Francisco and San Jose in California, San Antonio, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs Byrne was elected the city's sixth successive Democratic Party mayor on April 3 with a record 81.2 per cent of the vote against Republican challenger Wallace Johnson.

Giant Killer

Mrs Byrne had a bigger mandate than any of her five predecessors.

Short-story writer wins '79 Pulitzer fiction prize

NEW YORK, April 17 (Agencies) — Author John Cheever won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for fiction Monday for "The Stories of John Cheever," a collection of short stories on American life which was on last year's best seller list. Cheever was among 19 Pulitzer Prize winners in the categories of journalism, letters, drama and music announced Monday by Columbia University President William MacGill.

The 63rd annual Pulitzer Prizes, endowed under the will of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the now-defunct "New York World" newspaper, were issued on the recommendation of the Pulitzer board.

Playwright Sam Shepard, 35, won the drama prize for "Buried Child," about the disintegration of a rural Illinois family.

Robert Penn Warren, 73, won the poetry prize, his third Pulitzer, for "Now and Then: Poems 1976-1978."

"Leonard Baker, a former newspaper reporter, won the biography prize for "Days of Sorrow and Pain: Leo Baek and the Berlin Jews."

The "Point Reyes (California) Light" won the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for public service on Monday for its investigation of Synanon, a clinic for the rehabilitation of addicts.

Ron D. Franklin of "The Baltimore Evening Sun" won the first Pulitzer Prize ever awarded for feature writing.

The prize for general local reporting went to the San Diego (California) "Evening Tribune" for its coverage of the nation's worst air disaster which occurred last Sept. 25, just 28 minutes before the first edition deadline.

Gilbert Gaul and Elliot Jaspin of the "Pottsville (Pennsylvania) Republican" won the special local reporting award for their year-long investigation of the demise

of the Blue Coal Corporation, a Pennsylvania company that was once of the nation's leading producers of anthracite.

The prize for national reporting awarded to James Risser, the Washington bureau chief of the "Des Moines Register" for his seven-part series on pollution by farmers.

Richard Ben Cramer, of "The Philadelphia Inquirer," received the award for international reporting for his dispatches from the Middle East. It was the fifth straight year that the "Inquirer" has won a Pulitzer.

The award for editorial writing went to Edwin M. Yoder Jr., editorial page editor of the "Washington Star."

Herbert Block, better known as Herblock, of the "Washington Post," was awarded his third Pulitzer prize for editorial cartooning.

Thomas Kelly III, a photographer for "The Pottstown (Pennsylvania) Mercury" won the spot news photography award for his series of photographs of a siege by a young man who held his family hostage in a rural home.

Hanoi protests to China over crashed jet fighter

BANGKOK, April 17 (R) — Radio Hanoi said Monday an intruding Chinese fighter plane crashed in northern Vietnam and the pilot was killed.

The radio, monitored in Bangkok, said Vietnam had sent a strong note of protest to Peking.

The broadcast said the Chinese pilot crashed at Truc Phu village, 25 kilometers south of Ha Nam Ninh provincial city. It said the plane was not shot down and Vietnam has already returned the

body of the pilot to China.

The radio said the strong protest note by the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry demanded China immediately stop such acts which could only complicate the coming talks aimed at settling conflicts between the two countries.

A Chinese delegation led by Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong arrived in Hanoi on Saturday but so far neither country has indicated when the actual negotiations would start.



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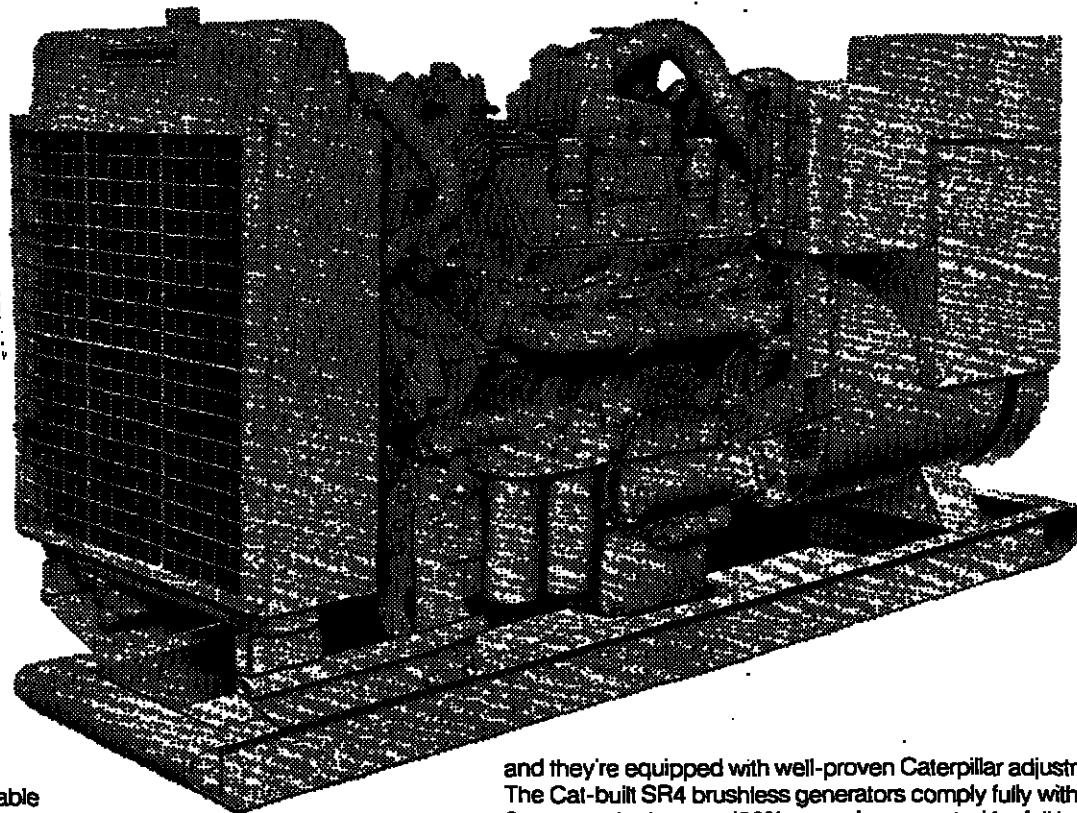


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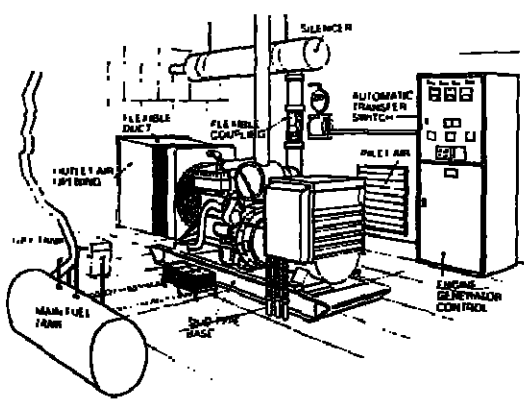


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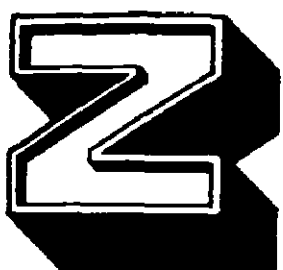
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'Green terror'

By David Ottaway

ADDIS ABABA —

A sweeping land reform carried out here four years ago has run into serious economic difficulties despite its popularity with the peasants and success in rallying their support for the Ethiopian revolution.

Some of the problems stem directly from what a recent government brochure calls "the agonies of war" that have afflicted Ethiopia since shortly after the military deposed the late Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 and set this once feudal empire on a radical Marxist course.

"Four years of brush fires, battles and a naked aggression have left their mark on all sectors of the economy," the brochure remarks. "Other countries have successfully won revolutionary wars and built up their economies, but revolutionary Ethiopia inherited a fragile economic infrastructure which has been weakened by four years of constant war."

The key issue for the military government has become how to get the peasantry, now organized into some 25,000 semi-autonomous associations, to produce more and, above all, sell more to the food-short towns and cities where 3 million of Ethiopia's 30 million people live.

Some outside Western analysts wonder whether the government will have to resort to a "green terror" to extract by force more food grains and cash crops from the peasant associations. It has already carried out a very effective "red terror" to eliminate its leftist and rightist opponents.

The government is counting mainly on "agitation" and "political education" to persuade the peasants to cooperate voluntarily with its recently launched "national revolutionary development campaign."

In the past two years, the economic situation here has deteriorated sharply. The government has exhausted its once relatively large foreign exchange holdings, mainly buying Soviet arms, and it is now having trouble paying for essential imports.

Last year, food grain production fell by 600,000 tons. Estimates of this year's import needs range as high as 300,000 tons.

The main export crop, coffee, which provides well over 60 percent of Ethiopia's foreign exchange earnings, has fluctuated greatly over the past three years, from a low of 43,000 tons during the 1976-77 harvest to 74,000 tons last year. Higher coffee prices in 1976 assured earnings almost as high as last year's \$289 million.

The government has decided to put the country virtually on an economic "war footing." It has set up a central planning supreme council directly under the military council chairman, Lt.-Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, and set up promotion offices at all administrative levels.

The plan calls for the peasants to increase production by up to 400,000 tons and state farms by 170,000 tons. Coffee exports are supposed to jump to 100,000 tons and industrial output is to expand by 42 percent — all in one year.

Western predictions about most events in Ethiopia have been wide off the mark and these may be, too. An unknown factor is the reaction to the development campaign of the war-weary peasants. They have gained land, political power, arms and wealth as a result of the land reform but are also close to being beyond government control.

Indeed, the country's Marxist ideologists are up in arms about the mushrooming of a whole new class of "Kulaks," or rich farmers, who they say have taken over the leadership of many peasant associations, are opposing collective and cooperative farming schemes and are hoarding grain and coffee to force up prices. (WP)

Chinese view

By Keith Stevens

WASHINGTON —

Reports have recently begun to reach the West of an apparent crackdown on internal criticism of human-rights practices in the People's Republic of China. This only redoubled my resolve to protect the privacy of a young Chinese intellectual who, in the cramped living room of his father's home, recently gave me a rare and candid look at the concerns of these dissident Chinese. And so, though I am neither a professional journalist nor an American government official — just an ordinary American tourist — I cannot even use my own name here, let alone that of the man I will call "Lee."

The conversation I had with Lee was rare not only for its forthrightness, but also because it occurred in a remote provincial town, far from the more vocal human-rights movement in Peking and Shanghai — therefore, perhaps indicative of a broader base of support for human rights in China than has been thought to exist.

I met Lee when he approached me in the town's marketplace one afternoon. He spoke English well. When he learned that I was from the United States, he welcomed me to his country and, after exchanging a few pleasantries, he invited me to his father's home that evening. "I want to talk to you about the denial of human rights in China," he said, advising me not to let the Chinese tourist guides know where I was going.

After dinner, I sneaked away from my hotel and met Lee at a place he had designated and we then walked to a rather small but clean and comfortable home.

"Ask us any question you want to about China," said Lee. "We'll tell you anything you want to know, and also maybe you can tell us some things about America."

The following is summarized from that conversation, as well as from another I had with Lee two days later:

Q. (Stevens): "You said human rights are abused in China. What rights are you talking about?"

A. (Lee): "We want the same kinds of freedoms you have in America. We want the right of free speech, the right to criticize the government. Now we are supposed to have the freedom to criticize the government, but if you do, they may put something by your name and make trouble for you later. People still hesitate, worry. We also want the right to publish anything we like, just as you can in America. Here we can't. Only what's approved by the government can be published. But in Beijing, some underground papers are published by human-rights complainers, and maybe in Shanghai, also. But not out here. Not in the rest of the country. In Beijing, one girl, a human-rights complainer, was arrested and denounced as a counter-revolutionary. That means she could be shot, but people are demonstrating to save her."

Q: "How do you know what happens in Beijing or Shanghai? Do you read about the protests in your newspapers?"

A: "Oh no, you can never believe what you read from the government. I hear it over the Voice of America. I listen to the Voice of America every day, and I also study English over Voice of America's English 900. The teacher is very good."

Q: "You are an educated man, so you are suspicious of what the government tells you, but what about the common peasant? Surely, he believes what he is told?"

A: "No, most of them believe just like us in this room. Only they're not organized, and they're still afraid to speak up."

Q: "Are there any other rights you want to have?"

A: "Yes, the workers want the right to strike."

Q: "Lee, what do you and your friends think of Deng Xiaoping?"

A: "We are placing all our hopes on Deng Xiaoping. He is firmly in control."

Q: "How about the backers of Hua Guofeng?"

A: "Hua is only the titular chairman since Mao died. He doesn't have the real power. Although the policy has changed at the top, on the local level the authorities still think the same way as before. They haven't changed. They're just keeping quiet for now. But they still abuse human rights."

Q: "How did the people regard Chairman Mao?"

A: "Mao became an idol. In the countryside, the peasants regarded him as emperor."

Q: "But didn't Mao say in the beginning that he didn't want that. He didn't want such a personality cult to develop?"

A: "We judge a man not by what he says, but by his deeds. Even in 1949 some people predicted that Mao would change."

Q: "How is Mao regarded today?"

A: "Ah, something very interesting happened near here recently. You know, during the spring festival we have a custom of putting a scroll on either side of our doors, to bring us good luck, or prosperity. I've heard that some peasants near here put up a scroll on one side of their door that said: 'If there is no Communist Party, there will be no China.' And on the other side of the door, the scroll read: 'If there is no Mao Tse-tung, there will be no backward China.' So, you see, some people think highly of the Communist Party, but they said Mao was bad for the country."

Q: "Do you personally think communism was good for China?"

A: "In the beginning, yes. In 1950 — 1955, things ran smoothly. But after that, no. Of course, the Gang of Four was a disaster for China. I hated them. And Mao also became a disaster."

Q: "Americans still worry that communism has global ambitions, that eventually the communists want to take over all the world. Do you think Chinese communism has such intentions?"

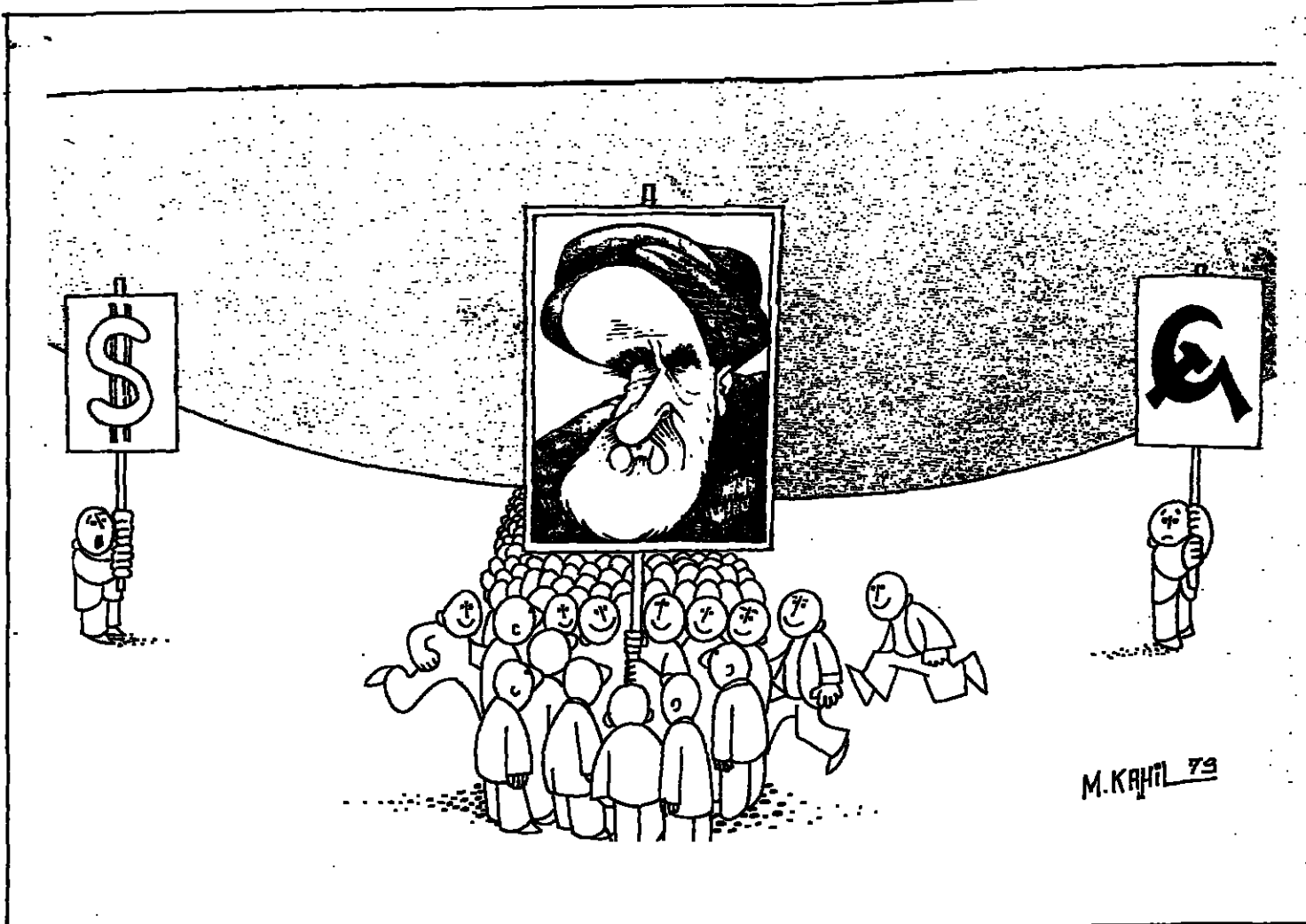
A: "At present, and for the next 50 years, China only wants to make itself strong. Later, maybe, they hope to overthrow the capitalist countries."

Q: "Aren't you afraid to have meetings such as this? What if you're found out?"

A: "I am not afraid. I will dedicate my whole life to the freedom of the Chinese people."

Q: "Lee, what are some of the mistakes you think the United States has made in its foreign policy?"

A: "Putting so many people and so much money into Vietnam. You gained nothing. (On this night, we had not yet heard about China's invasion of Vietnam.) Also, don't trust the Russians too much in the SALT talks. The Russians are very greedy and very ambitious. They want to rule the whole world. The Chinese people are different. If our people can get democratic rights, the Chinese people want friendship with the West. So, at the same time the United States recognizes China, it is imperative that the American media and President Carter support our human-rights campaign here. — (WP)



Soviets anxious over Afghanistan

By Dev Murarka

MOSCOW —

Afghanistan has become one of the most serious concerns of Soviet diplomacy.

This concern is reflected in the polemical battle which has started between Moscow and Washington and the visible deterioration in Soviet-Pakistani relations connected with developments in Afghanistan.

The stakes are now so high for Moscow that even intelligence information, contrary to Soviet practice, is being hurled at the Americans in order to implicate them in current revolts against the pro-Moscow regime in Kabul.

At stake is the survival of the Marxist government in Kabul, which came to power nearly a year ago, and the strategic relations which the Soviet Union enjoyed with Afghanistan for more than 50 years.

The current assessment in Moscow is that the survival of Nur Muhammad Taraki's government is no longer in doubt, as it was some weeks ago. However, a long-term and sustained threat is emerging in the form of organized religious movements against the regime with external help. And this is what causes anger and apprehension in Moscow.

The main Soviet emphasis is on Pakistan and the United States, though Afghans themselves attach equal, if not greater, importance to the role of Iran. But this is a difference of emphasis rather than substance. Moscow is anxious at the moment not to strain relations with the new forces which are consolidating themselves in Tehran.

The Russians have assigned the major blame to Washington. They point to the visit to Islamabad last month by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Warren Christopher and contend that it was during this visit that the Americans persuaded the Pakistanis to help Afghan rebels operating from their territory. Subsequently, the Soviets claim the Americans invited one of the rebel leaders for talks in Washington.

This allegation was made by Leonid Zamyatin in a recent television program with hints that Moscow was in a position to disclose more about American involvement in the attempts to overthrow Afghan government.

The real weight of Soviet anger, however, falls on Pakistan. Last week the new Pakistani ambassador to Moscow, Sahabzad Yaqub Khan, was received by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin and delivered a message which apparently contained assurances that Pakistan would seal off its borders with Afghanistan and would not allow any hostile activity against Kabul on its territory.

But Moscow already seems to have concluded that the Pakistani assurances are worthless because "Pravda" returned to the attack

with great vigor and stated that the Pakistani role was "far from passive." It claimed that Pakistani authorities had set up some 12 camps on the borders with Afghanistan and were training counter-revolutionaries there.

"Officers of the Pakistani armed forces, as well as American, Chinese and, recently, Egyptian military advisers, are supervising the training of units of saboteurs," it said. "Weapons and food are being carried across Pakistan's border to saboteurs' formations that were sent into Afghanistan."

Indirectly, Moscow has reminded Pakistan that Afghans are interested in setting up an independent Pushtunistan out of Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province and hinted that while the Afghan government today is not in a position to press this claim, tomorrow, when stronger and stable, it may do so in remembrance of Pakistani attitude.

The "Pravda" article said that Pakistan "must be interested in maintaining tranquility on its borders and good-neighboring relations with the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan so as to tackle without hindrance many acute home policy problems." All this will hardly improve Soviet-Pakistani relations in the coming months.

The case of Iran is slightly different. For one thing, Moscow seems to be uncertain about how to tackle what it sees as Iranian involvement in Afghanistan. On March 19, an important, authoritative article signed by I. Alexandrov condemned the Iranians. Subsequently, the Soviet media dropped this charge and Zamyatin stated on television that the Pakistanis were using Iranian territory to cross into Afghanistan.

However, on April 10, "Pravda" returned to the theme of Iranian involvement and described the Iranian town of Mashhad as the center of anti-Kabul activities.

But the Russians make a distinction. While Pakistan is accused of allowing the Americans to use its territory and facilities, Iran is seen to be acting alone out of Islamic sentiments with probably no direct Iranian government involvement. The Soviets hope the Iranians can be dissuaded from interference in Afghanistan.

But whatever happens, Moscow is now determined that the government in Kabul should be given all possible support to consolidate itself. To allow a counter-revolution there would undermine Soviet interests in the Gulf region and provide an entry for the Chinese, who have a common border with Afghanistan, in a region where so far their presence has only been verbal.

So considerable is Soviet interest in the Kabul regime, that Gen. Yezhov has been recently sent there to help the Afghans to organize training and political education in the army. Whatever happens, the rebels against the Kabul government can expect no easy triumph. (OFNS)

The next king of France

By Paul Webster

PARIS —

Charles de Gaulle intended to re-establish the French monarchy, according to the Comte de Paris, the French Pretender, who published his autobiography last week in Paris under the title "Memoires of Exiles and Battles."

For five years after De Gaulle's coup in 1958, the descendant of 40 kings was kept in the wings, awaiting the announcement that was foiled by the double opposition of the Republicans in the Gaullist Party and the recovery of the French Left.

De Gaulle, according to the 70-year-old comte, was a de facto king of France during his years of office and lost his status only by fighting the presidential election in 1965 and becoming a political party man.

The comte says that De Gaulle accustomed the French to a central arbitrator, and neither of his successors "has the legitimacy."

De Gaulle invited the Pretender to the Elysee regularly after the coup, going out to meet him as he arrived and accompanying him to his car even in pouring rain. He called him monseigneur and as a first step towards restoration was ready to appoint him proconsul of an independent Algeria. But by then De Gaulle had lost his freedom of action, with opposition coming notably from his Prime Minister, Michel Debre.

"Finally, this rebel (De Gaulle) was too timid in the face of the institutions of the Republic," the comte recalls, although he is prepared to consider another argument: that De Gaulle never had full confidence in the comte, who refused to follow him to London in 1940 and said: "I can never be a Gaullist."

The revelations are not mere historic fact than can be quickly shrugged off, for they come at a time of heated debate over the monarchy: there are even muted accusations that President Giscard d'Estaing sees the Spanish restoration as a model for a constitutional monarchy in France.

The Comte de Paris is convinced that his descendants will eventually be called upon to the role of "national arbitrator." He discounts the likelihood of his son, the Comte de Clermont, one of his 11 children, receiving the call but says he is instructing his two grandsons, aged 13 and 11, in the history of France and he has founded his hopes on them.

There is an undeniable nostalgia for royalty. Apart from an active royalist party which campaigns in both general and presidential elections, there is popular interest reflected in the fact that the Pretender's autobiography is published partly to cash in on the success of his wife's autobiography, "All My Happiness," which topped the best-seller list last year. (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Al-Jazirah" scoffed at Dayan's statement on the possibility of relinquishing the Golan Heights in the event of a peace treaty with Syria.

It said that "this is storm in a teacup deliberately raised by the parties to the evil peace treaty now that they realize the Arabs are determined to oppose it."

Dayan coupled his statement with threats against Jordan in an attempt to sabotage the continuing dialogue between Amman and the Palestinians. At the same time, Israel continues to support and incite the renegade rightist commander Saad Haddad in south Lebanon in order to prevent any relaxation of tensions in the region. It is also anxious to ward off a possible American decision to support the Lebanese government.

The paper came to the conclusion that Dayan's statement "is a trap for the rejectionists."

The Israelis are likely, in their

folly, to continue raising such storms but they are not likely to uproot any of the pegs that support the Arab structure.

After the signing the separate peace treaty, the situation in the region is at a standstill as far as peace is concerned, "according to Al-Madina."

This freeze was intended to measure how long the treaty will endure and how long the United States will go on supporting the treaty while the rest of the world calls for a just and comprehensive peace which includes all parties to the conflict, especially the Palestinians. But it is not wise to keep the situation in such a stalemate. The Palestinians have escalated their resistance to the occupation while Saudi Arabia has continued to work, openly or behind the scenes to break the stalemate. One of the first such practical steps taken by the Saudi government took the form of a meeting at the ministry of foreign affairs to reiterate the

country's stand which represents the minimum acceptable formula for peace in the region.

This should form the spearhead of Arab diplomatic activity to revive the international search for peace on the basis laid down by the Kingdom.

Observers who understand Israel well expect it to attack Jordan soon not only because a few Palestinian commandos crossed from Jordan recently, but because Israel wants to impose a new reality that will bring Jordan to the negotiating table, according to "Oktaz."

Israel wants to impose its own form of peace which is totally at variance with the Arab assessment of a peaceful settlement. It may, therefore, be expected that Israel will do something dramatic with the approach of the talks on self-rule as laid down by the Camp David accords although this concept is so limited as to be totally unacceptable to the Palestinians.

There are so many differences between the Arabs and Israelis over the type of peace desired, that Israel is expected to launch an attack on Jordan or Lebanon to impose a fait accompli situation. But even that will not subdue the Arab will, "the paper said."

"Al-Bilad" predicted a "hot summer" in the region this year "because of recent development particularly the peace treaty."

The treaty and continued Israeli intransigence over the Palestinians may push the latter to desperate acts of revenge. Although the Palestinians are justified in fighting attempts to liquidate them, we cannot justify any plan to ignore their existence either by the Arab states or by any other party concerned with the Middle East.

Ignoring the Palestinians could lead to events that make the world realize the extent and gravity of injustice that was done to them, "the paper said."

But before the region and other parts of the world turn into an arena of conflict and violence, arising directly from Israel's arrogance, it is necessary for the world to review the situation with a just solution in mind."

Commenting on the rising tide of Muslim resistance to the marxist regime in Afghanistan, "Al-Bilad" said "it shows that Islam cannot coexist with atheist regimes."

"It is obvious," the paper said, "that the regime in Kabul is unstable and has been insecure since its inception despite massive Soviet support and extensive purges of those opposed to it."

"But the Soviets are making a grave mistake if they think they can control the people of Afghanistan and impose their ideology on the Muslims who will never cease fighting for their religion and liberties."



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Record run for third-time winner

Veteran sweeps Boston Marathon



THREE-TIME WINNER: Bill Rodgers, winner of the Boston Marathon in 1975, 1978 and this year, after last year's race.

Cubs mauled 2-0

Lee near-perfect for Expos

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP) — Bill Lee, fresh from a \$250 fine by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, flitted with a perfect game in his home debut with Montreal and wound up with a sharp two-hitter as the Expos defeated the Chicago Cubs 2-0 Monday.

The 32-year-old left-hander, notified of the fine Sunday for his public disclosure that he has used marijuana, had his perfect game broken up by Barry Foote's sinking one-out single in the sixth that Ellis Valentine trapped in right field.

Bill Buckner's infield single in the ninth was Chicago's only other hit off Lee, who was acquired by the Expos this winter from the Boston Red Sox. Warren Cromartie slammed a first-inning homer for Montreal's first run and the Expos chased Chicago starter Mike Krukow with Gary Carter's run-scoring single in the seventh.

Monday afternoon's other National League

game between the Philadelphia Phillies and Pittsburgh Pirates was called because of the weather. In American League action, Toby Harrah's two-run homer, the first by a Cleveland player this year, keyed a three-run fifth inning that helped the Indians beat the Boston Red Sox.

Steve Kemp, Aurelio Rodriguez and Alan Trammell drove in two runs each to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Kansas City Royals 10-4. Alan Bannister, Lamar Johnson and Bill Nahorodny each smashed two-run doubles as the Chicago White Sox erupted for seven runs in the seventh inning to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-4.

In a late American League game, Rob Picciolo got his first two hits of the season, including a game-winning triple in the fourth inning, as the Oakland A's sank the Seattle Mariners 4-2.

In the national league, Ken Forsch pitched a five-hitter as the Houston Astros trimmed the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0.

BOSTON, April 17 (Agencies) — Defending champion Bill Rodgers of the United States won the Boston Marathon Monday, setting a record of two hours, nine minutes and 27 seconds over the 26 miles and 385 yards.

Rodgers' time for his third victory in the classic broke the clocking of 2:09:55 he set in winning the 1975 race.

The 31-year-old Bostonian, who has proved over the last few years that he is America's best Marathon runner, came on strong in the last few miles for the triumph.

Japan's Toshihiko Seko second in 2:10:12.

The unpretentious Rodgers had not been optimistic about beating his record.

"I'm not in deadly shape, but I'm in 2:10 to 2:12 shape," he said before the race.

"I haven't trained as hard this year as in the past. I've only aver-

aged 123 miles for eight or 10 weeks," he said. He can run as many as 170 miles in a week.

A resident of suburban Melrose, Rodgers first won the marathon in 1975.

"The first time I won was a total surprise," he said.

"In a certain sense, it was the most significant race of my life and certainly the most thrilling.

"Then, last year, I wanted to prove I could come back and win Boston a second time."

A few days before the race, Rodgers said he hoped to wear the laurel wreath a third time and become "one of the all-time great Boston competitors." Only three other men have achieved the distinction.

"I'm 31 now and I might not get many more shots at it," he said.

Five-foot-nine and 128 pounds, he is a ravenous eater, who often wakes in the middle of the night to go to the refrigerator for a snack.

He plans to begin training for the Olympics, in hopes of becoming the first man to win the Boston Marathon and the Olympics in the same year.

The top 10 finishers:

1. William Rodgers, U.S., 2:09:27.

2. Toshihiko Seko, Japan, 2:10:12.

3. Robert Hodge, U.S., 2:12:30.

4. Tom Fleming, U.S., 2:12:56.

5. Garry Bjorklund, U.S., 2:13:14.

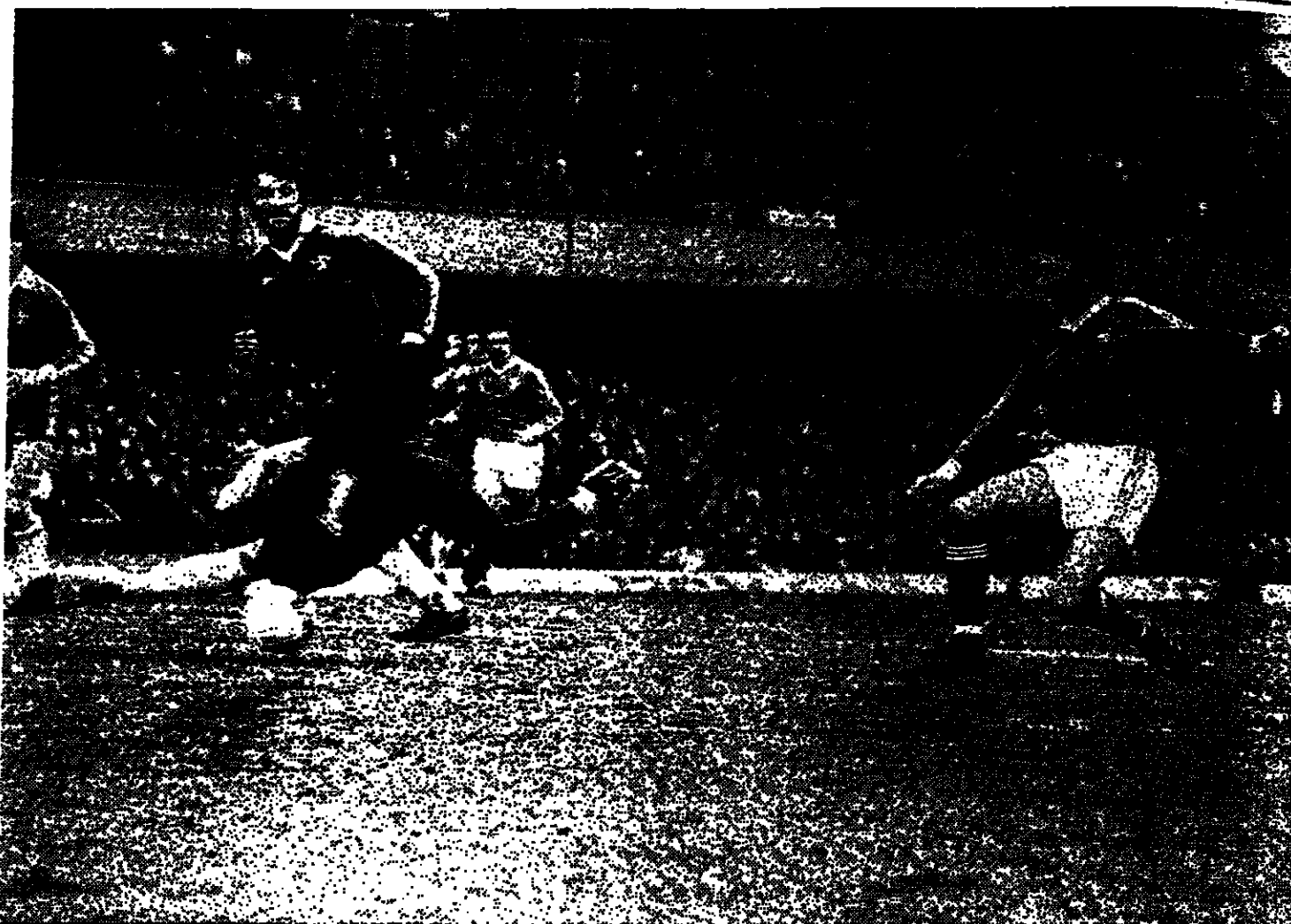
6. Kevin Ryan, New Zealand, 2:13:57.

7. Bobby Doyle, U.S., 2:14:04.

8. Randy Thomas, U.S., 2:14:12.

9. Herman Atkins, U.S., 2:14:27.

10. Richard Mahoney, U.S., 2:14:36.



HIGH AND LOW: Trevor Francis scores for Nottingham Forest last week, shooting past Chelsea's Peter Borotra at Stamford Bridge. Monday Chelsea's relegation fate was sealed and Forest dropped to fourth place in Division One with a goalless draw against Leeds.

Only fourth defeat of season

Aston Villa stops Liverpool juggernaut

LONDON, April 17 (R) — Liverpool had its charge towards the First Division football League title halted by Aston Villa Monday while lowly Chelsea was assured of dropping down to the Second Division for next season.

Mighty Liverpool seemed set to move closer to the championship in its away match against Villa, but the Birmingham side had apparently not noticed. Alan Evans put Villa on the score sheet and an own goal by Phil Thompson made

it 2-0 at half time. The sides split goals after the interval and Liverpool had gone down to only its fourth League defeat of the season.

The result was cheering for second place West Bromwich Albion, which did not play. Liverpool remain with 54 points from 34 matches, but Albion with 48 points has played two games fewer. Nottingham Forest collected a point in a scoreless draw against Leeds United, but drop-

ped back to fourth with 47 points from 33 matches. Everton moved above it by defeating Bolton, but it has played 38 matches.

Chelsea's 5-2 defeat by Arsenal coupled with Wolverhampton Wanderers' 1-0 triumph over Norwich City means that the London club cannot avoid relegation. In Glasgow, a goal by Derek Johnston six minutes from the end enabled Rangers to win its replay against Partick Thistle and qualify to play Hibernian of Edinburgh in the Cup Final on May 12.

Until skipper Johnstone scored, Partick had matched Rangers, the holder, at every turn — despite losing centerback Anderson hurt after 22 minutes.

Marr replaced him and 14 minutes from the end Partick used its second permitted substitute when O'Hara took over from Gibson.

Then came the decisive moment. Johnstone got in a header from the far post. Alan rough cleared and Johnstone followed up to score.

In London, Osvaldo Ardiles, the Argentinian star, inspired Tot-

tenham Hotspur to a remarkable 3-3 draw against Southampton after his team had trailed by three goals at half-time.

Ardiles has been out of form recently and was left out of the Tottenham line-up for two games. Southampton had raced to a 3-0 lead with penalty goals by David Peach and Alan Ball and a header by Phil Boyer, but in the 60th minute Ardiles made a beautiful opening for Peter Taylor to score, and eight minutes later he was the architect of another move that ended with Chris Jones pulling back another goal. John Pratt leveled with a 25 meter drive ten minutes from the end.

In the last minute Ardiles almost set up a winning goal, but Jones shot against the post after beating goalkeeper Peter Wells.

In the Ipswich, Derby game, Dutch star Arnold Muhren set up two goals for Ipswich, scored by Paul Mariner and Mick Mills, in the first 15 minutes. Ipswich dominated the game, but Andy Crawford pulled a late one back for Derby.

British soccer results

LONDON, April 17 (R) — Results of Monday's football matches:

Division One

Arsenal	5	Chelsea	2
Villa	3	Liverpool	1
Everton	1	Bolton	0
Ipswich	2	Derby	1
Man. United	0	Coventry	0
Notts Forest	0	Leeds	0
Shamilton	3	Tottenham	3
Wolves	1	Norwich	0

Division Two

Brighton	3	Bristol Rovers	0
Burnley	0	Wrexham	0
Fulham	2	Orient	2
Oldham	2	Leicester	1
Preston	0	Newcastle	0
Stoke	0	Luton	0
Sunderland	0	Blackburn	1
West Ham	1	Cardiff	1

Division Three

Bury	2	Lincoln	2
Chester	0	Shrewsbury	0
Chesterfield	1	Mansfield	0
Hull	0	Blackpool	0
Oxford	0	Swindon	1
Peterborough	1	Rotherham	1
Tranmere	1	Carlisle	1
Gillingham	3	Colchester	4

Division Four

Barnsley	2	Hereford	1
Bradford	1	Grimsby	3
Doncaster	2	Crewe	0
Huddersfield	3	Port Vale	2
Newport	1	Portsmouth	2
Northampton	4	Bournemouth	2

Reading 4 Aldershot 0

Scunthorpe 1 Halifax 0

Stockport 3 Rochdale 0

Wigan 2 Hartlepool 2

Wimbledon 5 Torquay 0

York 5 Darlington 2

Scottish Cup Semi-Final Replay

Partick 0 Rangers 1

(Winner plays Hibernian in final)

Scottish Division One

Dumbarton 3 Hamilton 0

Scottish Division Two

Brechin 0 Dunfermline 0

Forfar 1 Albion 1

Her retirement possible

Chris Evert marries John Lloyd

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

April 17 (AP) — Chris Evert, whose on-again-off-again romance with Jimmy Connors ended without a marriage, was to marry British player John Lloyd on Tuesday.

Miss Evert's family has tried to keep the wedding as private as possible, but dozens of reporters and photographers were stationed outside the church.

Miss Evert, 24, was engaged to Connors for nearly a year in 1973 and 1974, and they saw each other frequently after that. But the romance fizzled and Connors confirmed last month that he had se-

cretely married a former model last fall.

Lloyd, also 24, is a professional tennis player, but ranked far below Connors and Miss Evert. Asked whether he was intimidated by that, he said:

"Not really. Obviously people say things like that. They're just jealous. We don't pay attention to what they say."

"Of course it would be nice if we were on equal footing."

Miss Evert has refused to discuss her romance with Lloyd publicly, but he talked about it this weekend. He had been attracted to her for five or six years before they were finally introduced by a friend at Wimbledon last summer.

"Although I didn't actually meet her, I always thought she was attractive on court. And she's a very warm person. On the tennis court, she comes off a little cold, but that's because she's concentrating. And she has a kind of sarcastic humor that tends to be a little bit British."

When Miss Evert was 17, she said she would play professional tennis for seven years, get married and then quit the game. Although she is keeping to her timetable for marriage, she apparently has no plans to leave the circuit.

"She was 17 years old when she said that," said Jim Evert, Chris' father and longtime coach.



Chris Evert



John Lloyd

Top-seed Solomon falls in Houston opening round

HOUSTON, Tex. April 17

(AP) — Gene Mayer put together a combination of lobs and passing shots to surprise top-seeded Harold Solomon 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, in Monday's opening round of the \$175,000 River Oaks tennis tournament.

In an earlier match, fifth-seeded Corrado Barazzutti beat off a determined Kim Warwick, finally wearing him down 6-7 (7-2), 7-5, 6-1.

Barazzutti, who, had just finished playing in a tournament in Monte Carlo and had only arrived in Houston the night before, barely survived Warwick's

powerful serve-and-volley game. Warwick looked strong in the early going, while Barazzutti seemed sluggish, but the tables were turned in the third set. Warwick was visibly behind, and Barazzutti poured on a stream of passing shots to take the win.

In other opening round matches, Zelko Franulovic dropped Allan Stone 6-3, 6-4; and Pat Dupre edged Mike Cahill 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fourth-seeded Manuel Orantes had an easy time with Geoff Masters, beating him 6-3, 6-3, while Hans Gildemeister defeated Tom Wilkinson 6-3, 6-4.



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Damage to confidence

Three Mile Island mishap may kill nuclear industry

HARRISBURG, Pa. April 17 (OFNS) — The international nuclear business has suffered a shattering blow on a small island in the Susquehanna River. The Three Mile Island nuclear plant that ran away is now under control, but the damage it has done to an already demoralised industry is incalculable.

A nuclear accident of some sort was inevitable, sooner or later. As nuclear plants proliferate, and the quality of those responsible for operating them declines, the coincidence of a technical and a human failure — such as happened at Three Mile Island — became more and more likely.

The results could, of course, have been very much worse. The crippled reactor was brought slowly under control, and the releases of radiation were not catastrophic in terms of their likely impact on public health. But the impact on public confidence is another matter.

The effect is the more significant because the type of reactor which suffered the accident is the world's best-seller — the pressurised water reactor (PWR), now offered around the world by a number of vendors, including Westinghouse, Babcock and Wilcox, Kraftwerk Union, and others.

Reactors of this type were originally designed to power nuclear submarines and much of their original research and development was therefore financed by the U.S. Department of Defense. As a result, their costs were heavily underwritten at the outset, giving them a first-class chance of dominating the market against other systems which did not have such a favourable financial start.

It may be that pressurised water reactors, or their close cousins, the boiling water reactors, would have dominated the market anyway.

They are simple designs, in theory at least, though in practice the multiplicity of control and safety systems makes them hideously complicated.

Think of a huge cylindrical pressure vessel, made of steel more than six inches thick. Inside are a series of vertical fuel elements containing the uranium oxide fuel; around them flows ordinary water to keep them cool and to take away the heat for raising steam to drive the turbo-alternators. Outside the pressure vessel is a second building, a reserve defence against accidents.

In a pressurised water reactor, the pressure vessel is maintained at well above atmospheric pressure, so that the circulating water does not boil. But this simple system does face a serious problem. Suppose that some of the water, for some reason, does boil; the fuel elements are then covered not by water, but by steam, which is less efficient at taking away the heat. So the reactor goes on getting hotter and hotter, a process which unless corrected is likely to lead to a disastrous melt-down.

To guard against such a catastrophe, PWRs are fitted with emergency core cooling systems (ECCS), independent of the main cooling, which come into action only when disaster threatens and spray the core with cool water. These emergency

systems have been the centre of much agonised controversy over the past decade; will they work when they are needed?

At Three Mile Island, the ECCS did work. But then, astonishingly, somebody chose to turn it off, allowing the fuel to go on heating up and rupturing the metal cans which contain it, allowing dangerous products of the nuclear reaction to escape into the pressure vessel.

It was a classic nuclear accident, a combination of a technical failure (that of the normal cooling system) and a human failure (that of turning off the ECCS). The result was to produce a reactor in a dangerous state of disequilibrium, with about one-quarter of its fuel elements damaged, a bubble of gas inside the pressure vessel threatening to expose the fuel elements, hydrogen gas in the secondary containment building, and radio-active contamination leaking into the environment.

Three Mile Island is likely to go down in the demonology of nuclear power with such famous accidents as the Windscale fire of 1957 in northern England and the melt-down of fuel at the Fermi fast breeder prototype near Chicago.

Defenders of the atom will point out that none of the accidents cost lives; opponents will put that down largely to luck, or point out that nobody can be quite sure of the long-term effects of small releases of radiation.

More significantly, Three Mile Island happened when the nuclear industry was already on the defensive, assailed in many countries by vocal anti-nuclear groups and hit hard by the fall in energy demand over the past five years which has cut orders almost to nothing.

The industry was fighting back, despite some defeats (in Austria, the electorate in a referendum voted against the atom). But the scenario of Three Mile Island could have been written by Friends of the Earth or the Union of Concerned Scientists (two of the leading anti-nuclear groups), so perfectly does it fit with the predictions of disaster they have been making for a decade or more.

It is pointless to talk, as some have done, of tightening the safety systems or the licensing procedures; they are already so tight that it has been almost impossible to get approval for building nuclear plants in the U.S. However carefully it is designed, a piece of mechanical engineering can and will fail; however "foolproof" the safety system itself says, against bloody fools.

The question is not whether accidents can be prevented; they cannot. It is whether the public is prepared to live with accidents like Three Mile Island, with its curfews and its evacuations of pregnant women and young children, in exchange for electricity. It is perfectly prepared to live with regular air crashes, in which hundreds die, in exchange for mobility; yet nuclear power seems to be judged by other standards. The only thing that died at Three Mile Island was the hopes of the nuclear industry.

REACTOR: A technician uses monitoring equipment to monitor radiation levels at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant near Harrisburg, Pa., last year. Picture was taken prior to the March accident at the reactor which has clouded the future of the entire nuclear generating industry. (AP photo)

More of capacity used

U.S. factories producing more

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) — After two months of decline, operations in the nation's factories rebounded 0.4 per cent in March, the U.S. Federal Reserve said Monday.

The March increase put factory utilization at 86.3 per cent, the same level it had been in December before 0.2 per cent declines in both January and February, the figures indicated.

"These (March) advances partly reflected production rebounds from earlier weather effects — particularly in motor vehicles and parts, steel and coal," the Federal Reserve said.

The latest figures include revisions of both January and February statistics, which had shown a 0.3 per cent drop in January and no change in February. The January decline had been the first in a year.

The first quarter's 86.1 per cent capacity rate was slightly above the fourth-quarter rate of 85.9 per cent and last year's average of 84.25 per cent.

March statistics showed factory capacity up 0.5 per cent to 88.7 per cent in primary processing industries and up 0.4 per cent to 85.1 per cent in advanced processing.

Dollar hits highest level in 10 months on Tokyo exchange

TOKYO, April 17 (AP) — The U.S. dollar climbed again Tuesday, hitting 218.25 yen, its highest value in over ten months.

The American currency closed slightly lower, at 217.925 yen, but still gained nearly two yen over Monday's end of day figure of 216.075 yen.

A banking source in Tokyo said the market is behaving like a man suffering from a fever. "It's surprising just how high his temperatures have gone," the banker said.

The dollar's value has climbed steadily since March 26 and as of Tuesday afternoon the U.S. currency had risen by 11.55 yen in that period.

The market has been affected by a series of bad news for the yen, dealers said. The report of Iran's intention to nationalize petrochemical plants and to a surcharge on its oil export is bad news for the Japanese yen, as oil purchases have to be made in dollars. The raising of the discount rate announced Monday should have helped create more demand for the Japanese currency but dealers said the market is full of rumors that the U.S. discount rate too will be raised possibly within the day, thus offsetting the value of the Japanese central bank's move.

The Bank of Japan was reported to have intervened by selling \$320 million in morning trading in an attempt to drive down the value of the U.S. fund, but the central bank apparently gave up the attempt to stem the tide toward the dollar in the afternoon.

Dealers said they were of the opinion the dollar would continue its upward movement because of added demand for dollars to settle commercial transactions after the long Easter weekend.

In Europe dollar also strengthened against major world currencies Tuesday as most foreign exchanges reopened after the Easter weekend. Gold prices fell.

Opening prices in Europe were: Frankfurt — 1.9060 deutsche marks, up from 1.9012 last Thursday.

Zurich — 1.7261 Swiss francs, up from 1.7242.

Paris — 4.38 French francs, up from 4.3687.

Amsterdam — 2.0640 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0561.

Milan — 845 Italian lire, up from Friday's fixing price of 843.55.

In London, the British pound opened little changed at \$2.0859.

The price of gold bullion was "fixed" by London's five major dealers Tuesday morning at \$231.75 a troy ounce.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	NO. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Health Affairs, Eastern Province	Repairs to out-patients clinics at King Faisal Hospital in Hofuf	100	100	May 16
Municipality of Ohod Rafedah, Southern Province	Asphalting of 36,000 square meters of space in the villages of Batha, Qarha and Al-Sarhan	500	500	May 1
Al-Thaghr Model School, Jeddah	Maintaining of airconditioners, water boosters, ovens, electric fans and washing machines	50	50	May 13
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of four ordinary wells in different areas	7/1	500	April 18
" "	Drilling of three tubewells in Dulum area	8/1	300	May 1
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of graveyards of Badr Al-Janoub in Nejran	26-97/98	500	June 19
" "	Fencing of Al-Qabel graveyard in Nejran	"	300	June 23

Remove economic friction

Kissinger wants U.S. - Japan dialog

Tokyo, April 17 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger called on the United States and Japan to take joint steps to remove the existing economic friction between the two countries Tuesday.

In his 40-minute courtesy call on Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, Kissinger said Ohira's summit talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter, scheduled for May 2, will play a significant role in

promoting the relations between the two countries, officials reported.

The former U.S. Secretary of State, however, stressed the need for the two countries to make stepped-up mutual efforts for the solution to their deteriorating trade partnership.

Kissinger arrived here with his wife, Nancy, last Sunday on a lecture tour at the invitation of a Japanese national daily and a tele-

vision network.

Nothing rising prices for crude oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Kissinger hailed Japan as the only advanced country to have worked out economic measures to cope with the international oil situation.

Burns sees U.S. price controls in six months

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP) — If inflation continues out of control for another six months, the U.S. administration could be forced to seek mandatory wage and price controls, former Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns said Monday.

"I would not rule out mandatory controls, because I think the administration may be driven in that direction" if none of its other policies work, said Burns, who is now with the American Enterprise Institute, a non-profit economic research organization oriented toward Republican economic thought.

Jordan gets World Bank loan

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — The World Bank said Monday it has approved a \$15 million loan to help finance an electrical power project in central Jordan.

The bank said the \$53.5 million project supported by the loan will provide additional power to about 46,000 people in 33 villages. The loan is for 17 years, including four years of grace, at seven per cent.

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Opening Tuesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	7.05	7.12	7.12
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.25	177.75
Swiss F (100)	196.00	198.00	196.00
French F (100)	78.00	78.00	77.55
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.00	4.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.25	107.65
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.25	87.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	74.50	74.50
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	78.50	87.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	41.80
Indian Rupee (100)	—	34.40	34.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	25.60	—
Gold kg	—	3,020	—
10 Tolas bar	—	—	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.57	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.94	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	1.69	—

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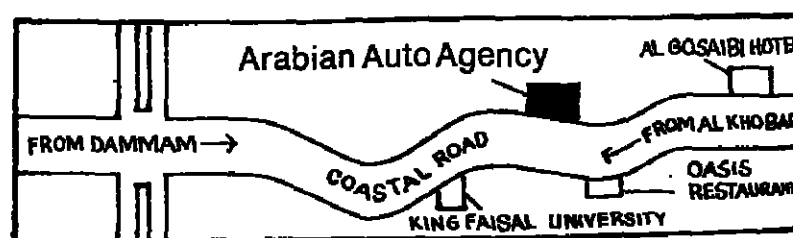
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GM ordered to recall Pontiacs

WASHINGTON, April 17 (R) — Government Monday ordered General Motors to recall 430,000 Pontiac cars made between 1975 and 1978 to correct a fault in the pollution control system. The Environmental Protection Agency said models covered by the order include Catalinas, Bonneville, Firebirds, Le Mans and Grand Prix. Vehicles sold in California are not affected. The defect was a poorly welded joint in the exhaust gas recirculation system, the agency said.

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World Bank gives Morocco loan

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International Finance

International Bourse, Commodities, Money and Exchange Rates

WORLD STOCK MARKETS بورصات العالم

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April 12		April 12	
Ranks		Operating Prices	
USA	2,896A-2,467B	STC	2,680A-2,680B
Canada	2,935A-2,394S	BFB CON	30,13-31.18
France	9,095B-9,102B	CAN	87,16-87.18
Belgium	62,82-63.00	FTF	14,48-14.65
Germany	17,59A-17,59.50	WLT	94,55-94,51.80
Holland	4,282A-4,295B	DFL	2,635B-2,635B
Switzerland	3,599A-3,599.50	LTS	1,715-1,715
W Germany	3,562A-3,572S	DMR	1,999B-1,999B
Sweden	9,158B-9,160B	YEN	21,58-21,60
Norway	10,720B-10,730B	AUS SCH	15,18-15,18
Denmark	10,590B-10,590B	DKR	5,270A-5,270S
Austria	26,25-26.08	POK	5,135B-5,136B
Portugal	101,26-101.68	SKR	4,389A-4,389A
Spain	142,3-142.68	DMR HTN	68,58-68.58
Italy	44,7B-44,95A	SPAIN	68,58-68.58
Ireland	1,033B-1,034B	MEXICO	22,83-22.82

Six, one month 19-14 die, two months 45-46 die,
 die, six month 75-73 die

April 12		three months 85 disc, six months 104-1 pres, twelve months 104-7 pres.
Galder	2.8560	
Belgian Franc	30.1280	
Deutschmark	1.9915	
Hong Kong Dollar	5.1570	
French Franc	4.8644	
Italian Lira	4.3430	
Japanese Yen	215.258	
Swiss Franc	1.7238	

April 12		
3:00 p.m. fix		\$233.95
Afternoon fix		\$233.75
Wednesday fix		\$238.35

CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

April 12

30 Industrials	100.72	DN 1.23	or 0.14%
20 Transp.	103.39	DN 0.34	or 0.32%
15 Utilities	100.72	DN 0.24	or 0.23%
65 Stocks	100.72	DN 0.24	or 0.23%

APRIL 12—The Dow Jones general average pre-bulldozer session saw a slight downturn in price as the stock market closed lower in light of the following:

- Analysts didn't expect much from the market Thursday, coming as it did in the wake of a record high.
- There was a feeling of uncertainty in the market as investors were hesitant to make commitments prior to the long Easter holiday weekend.

Analysts expected a respite to remain cautious until at least the Federal Reserve open market committee meeting next Tuesday. That group sets policy for the actions in the money market.

Fed to tighten up so that the economy will slow down. The Fed's move to raise the discount rate to 6 1/2% to credit a cut in it would have an effect on the premiums driving up gold and oil prices.

There was a feeling of uncertainty in the market. Alford Khan said he looks for a sharp rise in near-to-high wholesale prices in April that in recent months has been dropping.

Separately, Commerce Secretary Janetta Keith said further tightening of monetary policy should be expected. She said that the Federal Reserve Board would have a new higher projections for inflation.

Meanwhile, the price of gold fell sharply and the dollar was firm.

A total of some 775 issues declined in price, while 1,000 advanced.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished the week at 100.72, down 1.23. Volume was 3,240,000.

Special Report by Phil Hovind

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three months of this year.

Looking ahead, the question confronting the bond market is how much credit tightening will be required to bring down inflation. Says Rikhy, Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers & Co., "Under the circumstances, an increase in the key short-term interest rates of 50 to 100 points appears to have been discounted and that wouldn't have the restraining impact the monetary policy should be trying to achieve."

Cocoa		MEAL		Cocoa	
	Today's Closing	Previous Closing		Today's Closing	Previous Closing
	£ per tonne			£ per tonne	
May	1544	1562	April	130.06	133.00
July	1544	1554	June	123.50	124.50
September	1571	1570	August	125.10	124.90
December	1637	1635	October	125.00	124.50
March	1680	1665	December	123.40	123.00
May	1695	1691	February	125.00	123.50
	1728	1738	April	126.50	123.00

May	1551	1558			Today's	Previous
June	1510	1589			Closing	Closing
July	1588	1507	ALUMINIUM			
September	1587	1588				
November	1589	1588			¢ per ton	
January	1589	1588	Cash	740.00	742.00	
March	1500	1497	Three months	746.00	747.00	
May	1495	1485	Settlement	742.00	—	

	Closing	Closing		1 per ounce
	£ per long ton	£ per long ton		
May	101.75	97.60	Cash	1034.00
September	93.65	87.85	Three months	1036.50
November	96.08	90.15	Settlement	1034.50
January	99.30	93.55	Cathodes	
March	102.65	96.30	Cash	1035.00
			Three months	1033.00

Pence per Kilo		LEAD	
May	60.60		£ per tonne
June	61.90	Cash	564.50
July-September ..	63.70	Three months	532.80
Oct.-December ..	65.88	Settlement	565.50
January-March ..	67.35		—
April-June	68.80		

Jan-Mar 1994	14.00	14.00	Cash	354.00	355.00
Apr-Jun 1994	14.00	14.00	Three months	363.00	363.30
Jul-Sep 1994	14.00	14.00	Settlement	355.00	—
Oct-Dec 1994	14.00	14.00			
1995	14.00	14.00			

RAW SUGAR			
Sugar Prof.		£ per long ton	
Comm. Com.			
May	100.05	100.00	TIN
August	105.10	105.05	
			£ per tonne

March	115.90	115.75	1st tier months	7140	—
May	118.25	118.00	Settlement	7140	—
August	121.75	121.25	High Grade	7120	7140
			Cash	7040	7060
			Three months ...	7040	7060
			Settlement	7140	—

WHITE SUGAR		
	£ per long ton	
Yuba	103.75	103.00

February	119.00	118.75	Cash	377.50	378.50
April	123.25	122.50	Three months	382.50	389.00
July	128.00	125.50	Settlement	378.50	—
September	133.00	129.00			

	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
10%	7½-7¾	4-5	5½-5¾	6%-6½	11-12	—	—11½-57/8
	7¼-7½	2-1	5¼-5½	6%-6½	11½-12½	10%-10½	24%-3%
							2704-44

		U.S. Dollar	Canadian Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
April 11	Sterling									
Short term ..	12-12 1/4	104 1/8-104	94 1/8-10 1/8	7 1/2-7 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2-5 1/2	6 1/2-6 1/2	11 1/2-12 1/2	104 1/8-104 1/8	10 1/2-10 1/2

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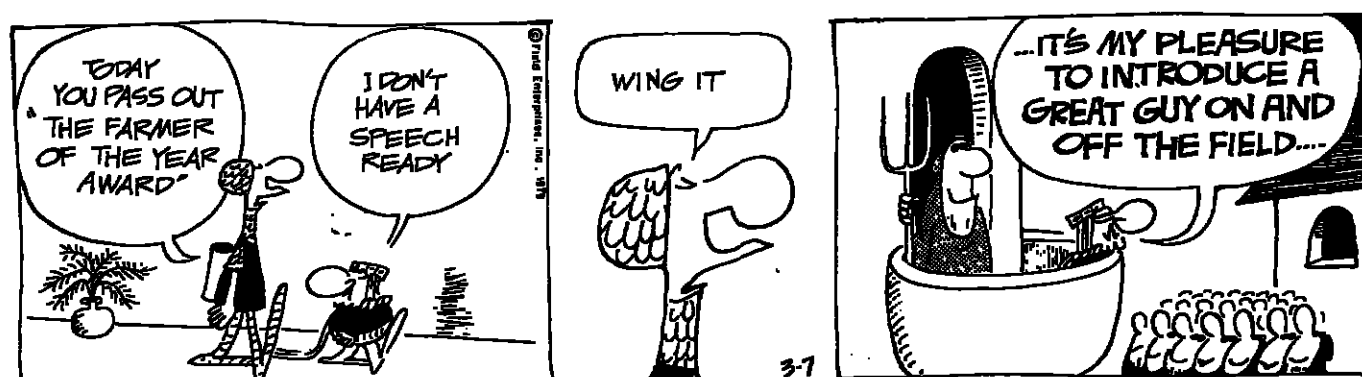
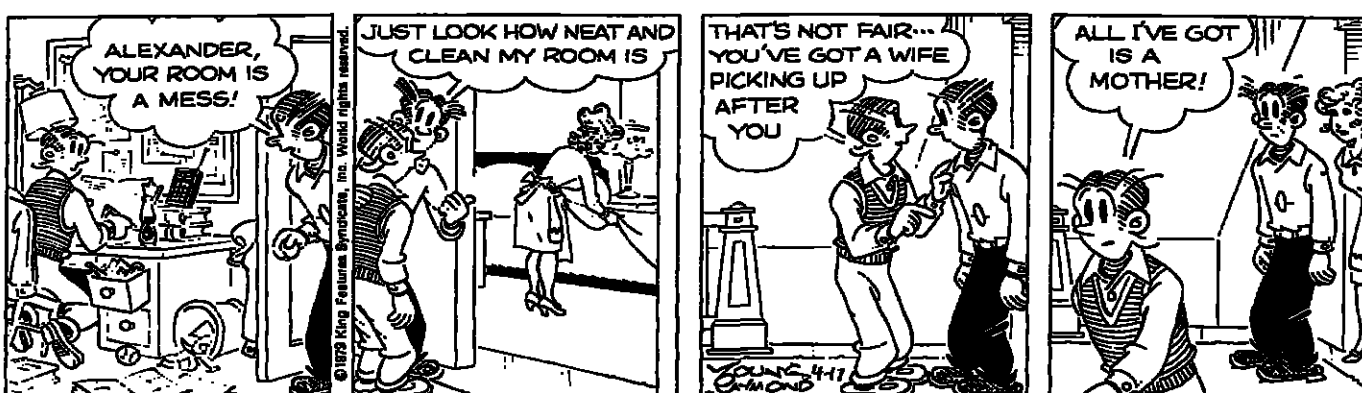
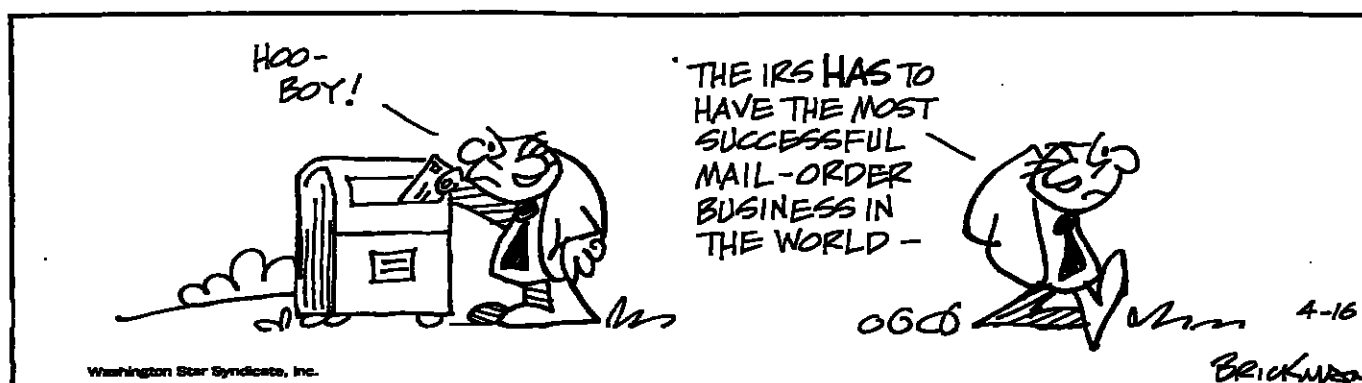
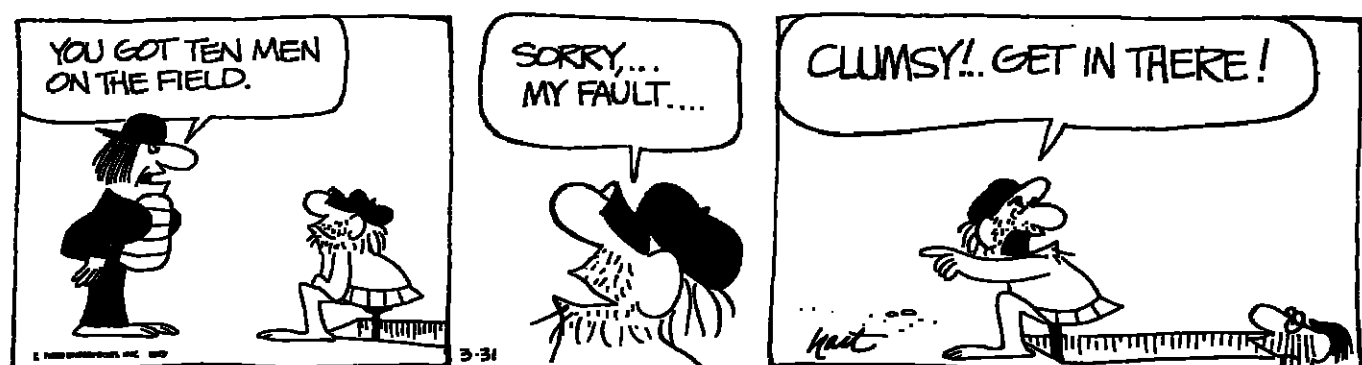
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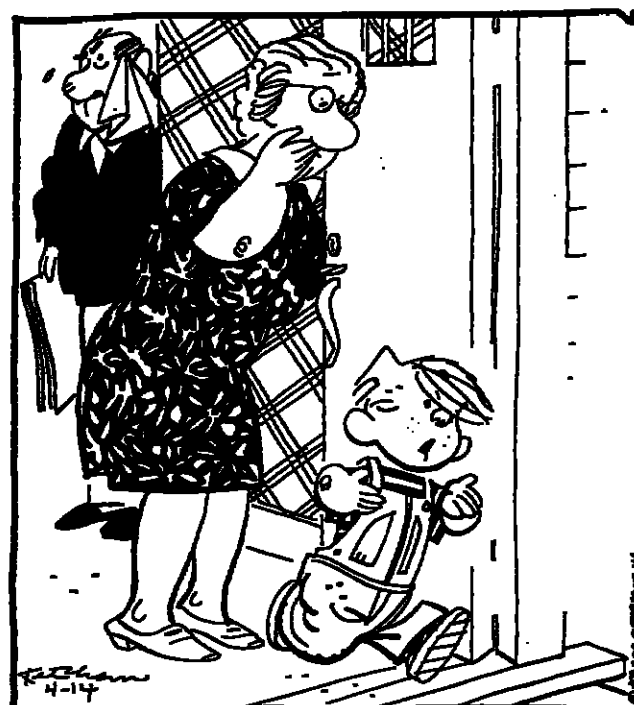
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Dennis the Menace



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Actress Lynn complex
5 Poorest
8 Greedy
9 Bumble, informally
12 Latvian city
14 Costly cat
15 Stadium
16 Application
17 Roll 'em in the aisles
18 Recorded
20 Convent
21 German city
22 Starting point
23 Echo
25 Repaired, as a chair
26 Before: Lat
27 Experienced
28 Suffix
29 Discarded
31 Actress
32 Lyon
34 Quick
35 Tell's caution
36 Misprints
38 Roman road

DOWN
2 More
3 Ovid's "The - of Love"
4 Dried
6 Vermont
7 Down
10 Host
11 Host
13 Host
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Yesterday's Answer

12 Flash on

29 Service

30 Separated

31 Soprano

32 Bounced

33 Brazilian

34 Cash

35 Pier union

36 Pier union

37 Pier union

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

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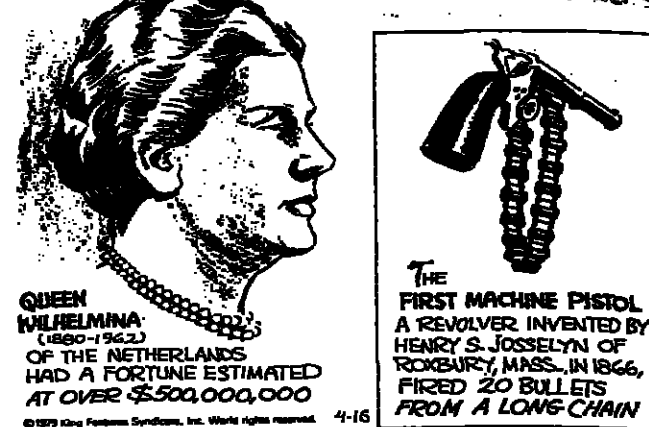
One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

F A H V C G V G R H M T R V X D R C
G F Y V F G P D T F D M G R H V C W F D
F T P J C P R D F H M P X F K P V J V
R E U P C V H F C N H V - S R W D
W V D H M D V I G F D

Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE HISTORY OF EVERY COUNTRY BEGINS IN THE HEART OF A MAN OR WOMAN—WILLA CATHER

Rimes—Believe It or Not!



QUEEN VILHELMINA (1890-1962) OF THE NETHERLANDS HAD A FORTUNE ESTIMATED AT OVER \$500,000,000

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

The Moment of Truth

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 5 4

♥ J 6

♦ K Q 7 3

♣ A Q 10 5

WEST

♠ 7 3 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ 9

♣ J 9 6 2

EAST

♠ K Q 9

♥ 8 4 3

♦ J 10 6 4

♣ 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 10 6

♥ A 8 7

♦ A 8 5 2

♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead - two of hearts.

Let's assume you're in three

notrump and West leads the

deuce of hearts. You play

dummy's jack, hoping West

led from the K-Q, but East

produces the king and you

duck. East returns the heart

three and you play low again.

West wins with the ten and

leads a third heart, forcing out

your ace.

You have been looking at

eight sure tricks right from

the start, and the ninth trick

did not seem hard to get. But

when you play a low diamond

to the queen and another

diamond back to the ace, West

discards a spade - and

making the contract now

hangs uncertainly in the

balance.

The outcome obviously

depends on making four club

tricks, so you lead a club to the

ace, and then your last club,

on which West plays the nine.

Now comes the moment of

truth. If West has the jack, you

should play dummy's ten; if

East has the jack, you should

play dummy's queen.

Decisions of this kind are

seldom a toss-up; there is

practically always a reason

for favoring one play over the

other. This case is no exception;

there is a good clue to

lean on.

It all goes back to West's

opening lead of the deuce of

hearts. There is a strong

presumption that West would

have led from a five-card suit,

if he had one, rather than a

four-card suit. His lead of the

heart deuce indicated he had

four of them, and this was

confirmed by East's return of

the three, showing that he also

had four hearts.

Once it is conceded that

West does not have a five-card

suit, it follows that his original

distribution was necessarily 4-

3-4-1, since he showed out on

the second diamond lead.

Finishing the ten of clubs

therefore becomes the right

play.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Wednesday Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca 4:45	6:05	12:28	3:51	6:44	8:14
Medina 4:41	5:56	12:28	3:56	6:47	8:17
Nejd 4:14	5:36	11:59	3:26	6:17	7:47

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
6:30 George Kirby Show
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter
7:25 Rickford Files
8:13 NFL Football

Sesame Street: No. 1082
Nancy Wilson
Kotter For Vice Principal
Rattler's Class Of 63
Highlights: No. 12,
Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Moderate weather over most regions with patches of low clouds
forming over the southwestern highlands. Surface winds of moderate
intensity to blow northeasterly over the eastern, central and northern
regions raising dust occasionally.
Sea conditions are moderate to medium in the territorial waters.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	37	26	Al-Wajh	34	17
Jeddah	32	23	Nejran	34	16
Riyadh	29	18	Tabuk	30	14
Dhahran	27	22	Turaif	25	07
Medina	35	22	K. Meshait	31	10
Taif	33	17	Abha	28	14

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 S.A. - Historical Notes
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Hits in Germany
3:00 NEWS
3:40 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Islamic Activities
3:30 Leaps and Bounds
3:40 Music
3:50 Close Down
Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening
10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. - A Daily
Chronicle
10:30 Melody Makers
11:00 Youth Welfare
11:10 Music
11:15 Hot Rock
11:45 The Golden Age
12:00 Imp. Com &
Recollections
12:10 Music
12:15 Mood Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with
Dreams
01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.
8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities;
Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News; Feature. The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
0:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opinion: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine:
America; Science;
Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers'
voices correspondents
reports background
features media comments
news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8:30 *Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 *Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 *Sarah Ward
10:45 *Something to Show
You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Eyes Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt
Request Show.
Evening Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of
Musical Curios
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsworld
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsreel
6:15 *Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 *Books and Writers
8:30 *Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
9:00 World News
9:09 News about Britain
9:15 Radio Newsreel
9:30 Farming World
10:00 Outlook News
Summary
10:39 Stock Market Report
10:43 Look Ahead
10:45 Ulster in Focus
11:00 World News
11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Midnight Transmission
12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature
Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual
Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL

18, 1979

What kind of day will

tomorrow be? To find out what

the stars say, read the

forecast given for your birth

Sign.

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

The working hours may be

full of conflict, yet you're able

to come up with solutions

later, when you're not under

fire.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Curb your temper about a

distant matter. Later, you'll

come up with an ingenious

proposal that will please all

concerned.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Stay clear of controversial

ways of augmenting income.

Your best bet is to try your

ingenuity on a work-related

project.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

To avoid arguments with

close ones, you'll have to save

some time for them. Business

associates may not be quick to

follow your lead.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Avoid friction with co-

workers. Surprise them by

having them over to your

place for a get-together. Close

allies are supportive.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Stay clear of controversial

subjects to make the most out

of a social situation. In the

evening, time devoted to

creative projects is reward-

ing.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

To keep peace on the home

front, you might pick up a

small gift. You can catch

others off guard with a kind

word or two.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Co-workers or employees

may go along with your ideas.

Don't retreat into secrecy.

Instead find a different way to

express yourself.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Avoid spending in haste.

Take time out to evaluate your

needs. With investigation, you

may learn of a bargain or a

good deal.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

The best remedy for

aggravation now is to freshen

your horizons. Accept in-

vitations and seek new

avenues of entertainment.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Be careful of accidents

when traveling about the

locality. Allow sufficient time

for self-analysis and you'll

come up with solutions.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Avoid excessive spending

with friends. Find instead

mutually enjoyable en-

tertainments that are less

costly. Be innovative.

Litton microwave oven Litton microwave oven

LITTON
Microwave Cooking
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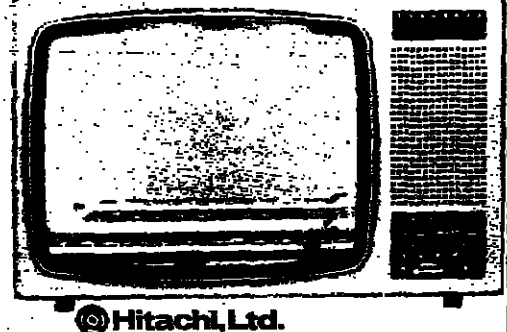
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PLO denies responsibility for Brussels airport raid

BRUSSELS, April 17 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization, asserting it wanted good relations with the Belgian people, denied responsibility Tuesday for Monday's Brussels airport attack.

At least two men claiming to belong to the "Black March" organization, threw an explosive device in the main hall of Brussels International Airport injuring 13 people. The attack apparently was aimed at passengers arriving on an Israeli El Al plane.

Two persons remained in the hospital Tuesday, one with an eye wound, the other with stomach injuries. The two were operated on and their condition was given as satisfactory. The 11 other injured left the hospital.

One of the two attackers was injured in the shoot-out that followed their bombing. He was treated in a hospital and transferred to jail. The other gunman was arrested unharmed.

PLO spokesman in Belgium Naim Khader told newsmen Tuesday the attack "clearly showed this was but a plot aimed...

at destroying the prestige and political credit won by Palestinians and the PLO in Belgium. Any serious analysis of the attack undoubtedly shows it can but damage the cause and the fight of the Palestinian people."

Khader added that kind of attack is regularly made by "agents provocateurs" or people manipulated by enemy intelligence.

The Belgian police confirmed Tuesday there were only two attackers. They arrived in Belgium late last month, carrying Iranian passports, and stayed at various Brussels hotels. They were named as Khader Dayekh and Hussein Raad Mahmoud. The two said they came from the Gaza area.

Police said the two men confessed after their arrest they wanted to attack the early afternoon Israeli El Al plane from Tel Aviv. Seeing the plane was heavily protected they said they wanted to attack its passengers as they walked across the airport's main lobby.

They finally decided to throw

explosives at other passengers. However, they used two less dangerous devices than a defense grenade later found in their luggage. The fact that there were not many passengers in the main hall also contributed to the relative lightness of injuries.

Police said Belgian Policemen held their fire as the gunmen retreated into an airport mezzanine, but that El Al security agents shot at the two men, who were firing submachine guns in the air to protect their retreat.

The PLO spokesman in Brussels said Belgians relations with Palestinians are "favorable, courageous and even in advance over the position of other European countries" and it would thus be "mad to think that Palestinians of the PLO want to damage relations with Belgium."

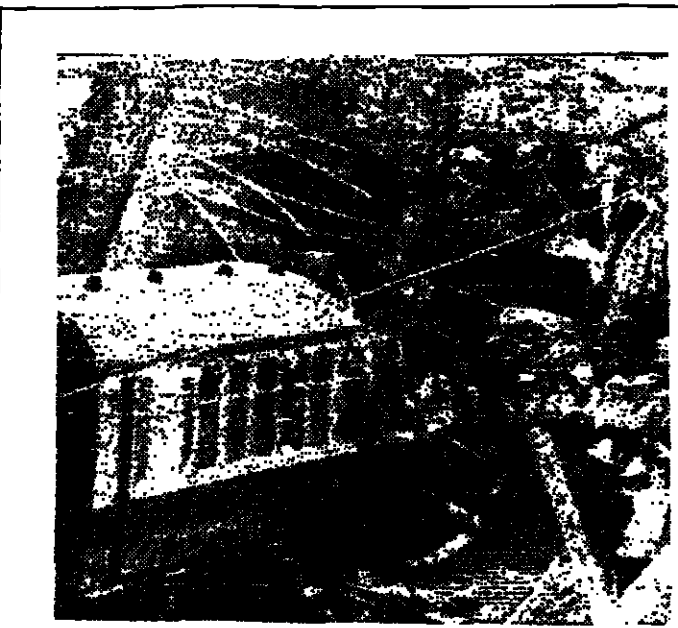
Khader said Israeli radio gave a detailed account of the bombing one hour after it took place, which added to suspicion.

The Committee of Jewish Organizations in Belgium called on the Belgian government to ban the PLO, which it held responsible for the attack.

The Belgian Foreign Ministry said the Belgian government deeply regretted the attack and condemned actions which, whatever their motivations, endangered international air traffic safety and the life of passengers.

In Washington, the State Department condemned the attack as "senseless violence which would not solve problems of the Middle East."

"Obviously the brutal attack on the airport in Brussels we deplore and condemn, as we would any other terrorist attack against innocent citizens," Department spokesman Tom Reston said.



GLASGOW: Rescue workers view the wreckage of two trains that collided head-on in a suburban terminal Monday night. Eight people died in the crash, and scores were injured. (AP photo)

Two trains collide in Glasgow station

GLASGOW, April 17 (AP) — The death toll rose to eight Tuesday as rescuers searched the tangled wreckage of two passenger trains that collided head-on in a suburban Glasgow railway station Monday night.

A British Rail spokesman said it was feared that at least one more body would be found.

Police said the dead included the two engineers.

Only three bodies had been recovered from the wreckage late Monday but others could be seen. Among those feared killed were a young girl, another child and a woman.

"It's an ungodly mess," said Police Chief Supt. George Much. "The main problem is the sheer compaction of the two trains."

At first, rescuers thought only

the two engineers were killed when the 6:58 p.m. Easter Seaside Special from Ayr to Glasgow collided with a commuter train at Gilmour Street Station, Paisley, a suburb of Glasgow.

At least 62 passengers were injured, but only two were kept in a hospital.

More than 12 hours later, as cranes were brought in and rescuers donned breathing apparatus to protect themselves from the blue asbestos dust rising from the tangled wreckage, the extent of the disaster became clear.

Rescue workers said the front coach of the holiday special rammed into the front car of the other train, compressing it into the space of only a few seats, and coming to rest inches from 25,000-volt electric cables.

Blacks flock to Rhodesia polls

SALISBURY, April 17 (R) — Rhodesia's transitional government Tuesday looked well on the way to achieving its goal of a massive black turnout in the country's first one-man, one-vote election.

Thousands of black men and women above the age of 18 converged polling stations in urban and rural areas, according to government officials, journalists and others who fanned out over the country to observe the voting.

The only overt disturbance came at the University of Rhodesia when almost 1,000 black students demonstrated against what they called the "phony" poll. They shouted and chanted their support for the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.

Squads of riot police stopped the angry youths from marching out of the campus into the streets of the capital, many of which were lined with blacks patiently waiting to vote for the first time.

No official estimate of voter turnout on the first five days of polling was immediately available. About 140,000 whites and 2.8 million blacks were believed eligible to vote for a black-dominated government which will down the curtain on 88 years of white minority supremacy.

The election has been arranged by the biracial transitional government, led by Premier Ian Smith and nationalists Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndebaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, in the face of Patriotic Front opposition. The guerrilla alliance accuses Smith's black allies of selling out to the whites.

It has publicly pledged to disrupt the election and military authorities accused its forces of shooting up five ballot stations 36 hours before voting began at 7 a.m.

The transitional government wants a big poll to demonstrate its claims that the mainly black gov-

ernment which will result from the election has the support of the mass of Rhodesia's people.

More than 50 international observers, from Britain, the United States, Australia, West Germany and Canada, have arrived to monitor the polling. Most have come independently of their governments.

The election is for 72 black seats in the 200-seat parliament of Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The Rhodesian Front of Smith

has already secured all 28 guaranteed white seats.

The election is being contested by four main black parties — the United African National Council (UANC) of Bishop Muzorewa, the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), faction of Sithole, the Zimbabwe United Peoples Organisation (ZUPO) of Chief Chirau and the United National Federal Party (UNFP) of ZUPO rebel Chief Kayisa Ndiweni.

N. Ireland explosion kills 4 in police van

NEWRY, Northern Ireland, April 17 (Agencies) — Irish guerrillas Tuesday killed four policemen with a half ton of explosives and warned they would continue killing until their demands were met.

The Provisionals issued a statement claiming responsibility for Tuesday's attack, in which a Land Rover the policemen were driving was blown into the air and over a hedge.

They said the bomb weighed 1,000 pounds and added, "There will be no respite until our war of national liberation is brought to a final conclusion."

Tuesday's attack was the high-

est police death toll in a single incident since Northern Ireland's sectarian troubles began a decade ago.

At first police said the blast was caused by a land mine, planted in a drainage culvert under the road. But the Royal Ulster Constabulary in Belfast said later the bomb was hidden in a small van parked on the roadside near the culvert.

A witness nearby, pub owner James Scott, said "Not a bit of the vehicle was left intact. It completely disintegrated with the force of the blast."

Twelve people, including four other policemen and a family in a passing car, were injured.

U.S. to establish normal relations with Kampala

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Agencies) — The United States will normalize relations with Uganda later this week, the State Department has announced.

U.S. diplomatic representatives will be sent to Kampala shortly, the department said Monday.

The United States closed its embassy in Kampala in 1973 because of fear for the safety of embassy personnel but did not actually sever diplomatic relations with the Idi Amin government, overthrown last week by Tanzanian-based Ugandan forces.

Canada also announced Monday that it recognized the new government of Uganda and looks forward to friendly relations with

the government of President Yusef Lule.

In Kampala, the provisional government tried Tuesday to get its ransacked capital through its first working day since the capital was taken from Amin a week before.

The government broadcast appeals for workers to go back to their jobs—and issued its first call for help in tracking down "collaborators."

Yoweri Museveni, minister of state for defense, Radio Kampala said, emphasized that ordinary Ugandans know such people better than the country's recently returned exile leaders.

Egypt, Israel discuss transfer of oil fields

TEL AVIV, April 17 (AP) — The Israeli and Egyptian energy ministers met Tuesday in the oil fields in the Gulf of Suez to discuss issues related to the transfer of Israeli-developed wells to Egyptian control under the two countries' peace treaty.

Israel's Yitzhak Modai and Egypt's Dr. Azadin Khilali said in interviews broadcast on Israel radio they expected no serious problem. Israel, according to terms of the treaty, hands the oil fields to Egypt in October, and after that Israel has the right to buy oil from Egypt.

are going to implement it in a very generous and practical manner," Modai said.

Besides the transfer arrangements, the two countries have to decide on possible Egyptian claims of compensation for the oil Israel pumped out of the Suez Gulf fields, and Israel wants to sell Egypt the drilling and production equipment in the offshore fields there.

"Egypt will fulfill all its obligations in the treaty," Khilali said. He explained that this means Israeli firms will be treated like any other applying to buy oil from Egypt. "If they give the best price, they get the oil," the Egyptian minister said.

Asked if he was satisfied with his first meeting with Khilali, the Israeli minister replied, "Very much so." Modai said he foresaw issues between the countries "but not difficulties."

"I know both our nations and both our leaders are 100 per cent behind the peace treaty and they

U.S. trade aide visits Cairo for official talks

CAIRO, April 17 (R) — A U.S. special trade representative arrived Tuesday for talks with President Anwar Sadat and other officials on increased U.S. investment in Egypt.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Robert Strauss, who heads a 28-strong delegation, is here on a fact-finding mission to see whether American private businessmen can invest their money. The spokesman said Strauss was to meet Sadat later Tuesday to discuss government-to-government trade investments as a follow-up to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Sadat has asked for \$10 to \$15 billion in aid from the U.S. West Germany and Japan in what he termed the "Carter plan" to save the Egyptian economy.

By Forrest Edwards

NEW YORK, April 17 (AP) — April 18, 1942: the Pacific War is five months old and, for America and her allies, the news has all been bad.

Once-proud warships lie rusting on the bottom of Pearl Harbor. The Japanese have subjugated vast chunks of Asia. Hong Kong, Singapore, Manila, and Cavite have fallen. Bataan has just surrendered, and America will soon learn that thousands died and hundreds were murdered on the brutal death march of 76,000 American prisoners.

In the Pacific Ocean, 688 miles east of Japan, an American aircraft carrier turns into a 30-knot wind and a B-25 lumbers down the 467-foot flight deck and lurches into the air — a carrier deck takeoff never before asked of a ground bomber. Fifteen more B-25s follow, wheeling to follow their leader westward.

And then, across America, the headlines bloom in a thousand variations: Yanks Bomb Tokyo.

Victory

For America, it was the first morale-boosting victory of the war. For Japan, the first proof that its warlords had lied and the first intimation of defeat; for the war itself, a tactical turning point that was not to be fully understood or appreciated until much later.

Not until after the war did Japan's military reveal that the Tokyo raid precipitated the Battle of Midway. Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto used it to convince wary Japan to invade Midway. U.S. planes and ships destroyed



DEFENSE: Japanese Zero Fighters were sent up to intercept Doolittle's Raiders; the men who gave America new hope with the bombing of Tokyo. This plane appeared at an air show last year.

four Japanese carriers and 253 planes in the great sea and air battle that many historians see as the Pacific War's turning point.

This past weekend, survivors of the 80 men who manned the 16 bombers over Japan met in a reunion at Charleston, South Carolina, led by the man who piloted that first plane off the carrier Hornet and who trained and commanded the men that became known as Doolittle's Raiders.

At 82, Gen. James H. Doolittle is much older than most of the other 51 survivors. He was a World War I flier, a racing pilot, and aeronautical engineer between the wars.

But Doolittle looks 20 years younger than his age. He remains active as a director of an insurance company and a consultant on foreign and military affairs, commuting two days a week to his Los Angeles office from his Carmel

Valley home, 480 kilometers north.

He still seems the ideal fighter pilot — trim, wiry and strong — the kind of a man who can squeeze comfortably into the fighter cockpit.

Between the wars, he flew the first outside loop, considered impossible then. The first completely blind flight — taking off, flying a prescribed course and then landing — and set record after record in cross country flights and speed races.

He went on to spend three years as an Air Force commander in North Africa and Europe. But for those who remember that discouraging six months after Pearl Harbor, he will always be best known as the leader of Doolittle's Raiders.

President Franklin Roosevelt wanted to strike a blow against Japan and give Americans a morale boost. The Air Force chose Doolittle for the job. He picked his men and took them to Florida.

There he blocked off a 470-foot runway. He and his men spent a month practicing unprecedented short takeoffs, for which the long-range B-25 bombers were never intended.

The original plan, Doolittle recalled before the Charleston reunion, was to get within 400 miles of Japan abroad the Hornet. Thirteen B-25s, including Doolittle's, were then to take off for Tokyo. The other three were to hit Nagoya, Kobe and Osaka.

After dropping four 500-pound bombs each, the planes were to fly to bases in China controlled by an American ally, Chiang Kai-Shek.

But luck dealt the raiders a setback. A Japanese fishing boat, converted to patrol duty by installation of long-range radio, saw the Hornet 1,100 kilometers off the coast, 480 kilometers from launch point.

"Our people intercepted the patrol boat's radio warning and we knew we had to go then," Doolittle recalled.

So they went, 288 critical miles more than planned.

All 16 planes delivered their bombs but then all ran into trouble. One, leaking fuel from a puncture, diverted to Vladivostok, where the Russians interned its five men for the rest of the war. The other 15 headed for China,

only to run out of fuel and into a howling storm.

Three planes crash-landed, one on an inland lake, two in the surf off the coast. Two men drowned. Another was killed when he jumped. Eight were captured by the Japanese. Three of the eight executed and one died of starvation in a Japanese prison.

The others, including Doolittle, bailed out over China, were rescued by the Chinese and returned to fight again.

Doolittle says the raid was a success because the Japanese were "taken completely by surprise... not knowing that we were flying long-range ground bombers... the Japanese were convinced that it would take at least another day before we could possibly be within striking range."

"The Japanese did get some fighters up and they did throw some anti-aircraft fire. All our planes were shot up. None was shot down."

Doolittle believes the attack provided America its first good news of the war. The Japanese began to question their leaders, who were forced to divert planes and ships from the front to protect the islands.

What is his most vivid memory of the raid?

"I don't believe there are particularly vivid memories," he said. "We had a job to do and we just went ahead and did the best we could."

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Taleghani

originated by plotters who wanted to weaken them.

The announcement pledged efforts to purge irresponsible and undesirable persons who have penetrated some branches of the revolutionary committees.

On the eve of Army Day where remnants of Iran's once proud army are expected to march in the capital, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. A. Farbod issued an announcement apparently designed to bolster morale.

Farbod said the new army will be formed on the basis of "Islamic directives and principles to protect the people from elements of the old regime."

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